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**Press Note**

**Marathi Film Appreciation Course 2016 comes to a close; Shri Vikram Gokhale congratulates course participants**

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The 11<sup>th</sup> Marathi Film Appreciation Course (FAC) 2016 organized by National Film Archive of India (NFAI) in association with Aashay Film Club (AFC) came to a close this afternoon (24 September 2016), with the veteran actor and National Film Awardee Shri Vikram Gokhale gracing the occasion.

Shri Gokhale congratulated the course participants on the successful completion of this intensive week-long course and awarded certificates to them. He shared his wisdom and expertise with the audience, declaring that one should never stop learning and that he is a learner himself, to this date. He urged participants to learn to discern the difference between a popular and an intelligent film, asserting that an intelligent film is one that hits you, cuts through your heart and enriches you.

Shri Gokhale was impressed with the efforts of NFAI and AFC in organizing this annual course in Marathi which offers enriching sessions with subject matter experts and industry veterans such as Dr Shyamala Vanarase, Shri Anil Zankar, Shri Mohan Agashe, Shri Ganesh Matkari, Shri Umesh Kulkarni, Shri Samar Nakhate, Shri Vikas Desai, Shri Vijay Apte and Shri Rahul Ranade. He opined that such courses were necessary in equipping one with intellect and intelligence to analyse cinema.

This 7-day course had kicked off on Sunday, 18 September 2016 with Shri Ashutosh Gowariker as chief guest. Applicants from more than 20 districts of Maharashtra had enrolled in the course.