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**Press Note**

**Shri Ashutosh Gowariker inaugurates 11<sup>th</sup> Marathi Film Appreciation Course at NFAI**

National Film Archive of India (NFAI) in association with Federation of Film Society of India (FFSI) kick-started the 11<sup>th</sup> Marathi Film Appreciation Course on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. The course was inaugurated by renowned Director, Producer and Writer, Shri Ashutosh Gowariker, in the presence of NFAI Director Shri Prakash Magdum and FFSI vice-president Shri Sudhir Nandgaonkar.

The 7-day course opened to a full-house attendance on the first day itself as Shri Ashutosh Gowariker shared his memories of being a student of the course back in 1990. As he shared his experience, he said that the course has given the basic thought and direction to his film career. "I owe my film knowledge and tool of film appreciation to the Film Appreciation Course I attended at FTII and NFAI. It has been a life changing experience for me", he said.

Speaking on the occasion, NFAI Director Shri Prakash Magdum said, "This year people from more than 20 districts in Maharashtra have enrolled in the course." The inauguration was followed by the screening of Shri Ashutosh Gowariker's film – Mohenjo Daro (2016).

This is the only course running in Marathi language. It includes expert lectures on film history, short video on Marathi film history and discussion on popular cinema. In total, 10 films will be discussed during the course.