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Vinod Tawde to inaugurate PIFF 2016

- Inauguration ceremony to take place on January 14th at City Pride Kothrud
- PIFF 2016 to open with 'The Thin Yellow Line', a Mexican movie
- Mr. Girish Kasaravalli & Mr. Jhanu Barua to deliver Vijay Tendulkar Memorial Lecture

Pune, 12 January: The 14th Pune International Film Festival (PIFF) will be inaugurated at the hands of Vinod Tawde, State Minister of Cultural Affairs, Marathi Bhasha and Higher and Technical Education. The inauguration ceremony will be organised at City Pride Kothrud Multiplex in the city on coming Thursday, January 14th at 4.15pm. This was informed by Dr. Jabbar Patel, Chairman PIFF through a Press Release today.

The inauguration function of 'PIFF 2016' will be followed by a special screening, which is the much awaited and most exciting part of PIFF every year. This year PIFF will open with a Mexican film directed by Celso R. Garcia titled as 'The Thin Yellow Line' which has been awarded as the Best Latin American film and has nabbed the audience world wide.

This year's Vijay Tendulkar Memorial Lecture will be a Master Class on Ritwik Ghatak & his films by Mr. Girish Kasaravalli & Mr. Jhanu Barua. Ritwik Ghatak was a prominent contemporary Bengali film maker and script writer. His films are remembered for its meticulous depiction of social reality. The lecture will be organised at 1.15pm at City Pride Kothrud on Monday, January 18th.

As per the tradition of PIFF the Life Time Achievement awards to Noted filmmaker Shyam Benegal and The S. D Burman International award to renowned music composer Uttam Singh shall be presented during the inauguration function of PIFF at the hands of Vinod Tawde on coming Thursday, January 14th at 4.15pm at City Pride Kothrud Multiplex.

The inauguration function will take place in the presence of esteemed International Jury consisting Govind Nihalani (Film director/ cinematographer from India), Nenad Dukic (Film critic from Serbia), Nils Malmros (Director from Denmark), Malaya Goswami (an Actress from India), Pablo Cesar (Director from Argentina), Fabrizio Ferrari (Director from Italy), Daniel Raim (Director from USA) and Reza Dormishian (Film Director from Iran). Along with them, Ambassadors of different embassies, veterans of film industry and luminaries from the city will also grace the festival.

Based on the theme of 'Sports and Cinema bring the world together', PIFF 2016 will be organised between January 14th and 21st. The 14th PIFF will have 350 shows of more than 280 films from 65 countries. Screenings will be hosted by 13 screens of 7 locations in the city of Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad.