



## **Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu Honorable Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation to Felicitate the Winners of the BRICS Film Festival**

- **China to host BRICS Film Festival next year**

**Sep 5, 2016, New Delhi:** The grandeur of the first BRICS Film Festival will leave its final mark onto the spectators on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with an exquisite closing ceremony at the Siri Fort Auditorium-I, New Delhi. Chief Guest for the evening, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, the Honorable Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, will be presenting awards to the winners of the competing films at the Closing Ceremony.

The award winners will be felicitated with BRICS Gold Medals and Certificates for the Best Film, Best Actor-Male, Best Actor-Female, Best Director and Special Jury award. Adding to this would be cultural performances by the 'Shiamak Davar Dance Company', from India and the 'Chengdu Performing Arts Theatre' from China.

The world renowned Shiamak Davar Dance Company will pay a tribute to the Indian Cinema through the ages, with a medley. Dance is a celebration of our culture and the performance will bring forth the hundred years of our cinema. In addition to this, the Chinese group, Chengdu Performing Arts Theatre, will mesmerize the audience with their ethnic spectacle.

In addition to this, the closing ceremony will be followed by the screening of Chinese film Skiptrace, a directorial by Renny Harlin, starring Jackie Chan, Damien Saccani and Charlie Coker. This film is based on a Hong Kong detective Bennie Chan who tracks notorious crime-boss Victor Wong for over a decade. When Bennie's young niece Samantha gets into trouble with Wong's crime syndicate, Bennie gets involved in tracking down the only man who can help him: fast-talking American gambler Connor Watts. Bennie races against the clock to bring Connor back to Hong Kong and the unlikely pair embark on an entertaining and perilous adventure from the snowy mountains of Mongolia to the windswept dunes of the Gobi desert.

The festival has, on all days, mesmerized audiences with Cultural Performances in Auditorium-I which were open to all. The 1<sup>st</sup> BRICS Film Festival has registered repeat screenings of student and competition films, on public demand.

Film lovers have enjoyed every bit of this festival and the Directorate of Film Festivals on behalf of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting would like to thank all the International & Indian Film Delegates for attending the festival and bringing their stories and experiences to the people of India.