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Indian Cinema Has Impacted Me A Lot: Doyen Of Russian Film Mikhalkov

Lifetime Achievement Award For Mikhalkov

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USPA NEWS - Life Time Achievement Awardee, Mr. Nikita Mikhalkov addressing a press conference, at the 46th International Film Festival of India (IFFI-2015), in Panaji, Goa on November 25, 2015.

Conferring Lifetime Achievement Award For 2015 On Nikita Makhalkov

Mr. Mikhalkov, towering film personality from the Russian cinema said that, "Indian cinema has great impact on his work. Love and tenderness shown in the films of Raj Kapoor had influenced him since his childhood. Humming the famous song "Awara", from Raj Kapoor's film, he commented that it is the best way he could explain his love for Indian movies. He said that, "Indian cinema is an entirely different planet for me!"

Addressing media person at IFFI 46 at Goa on November 25, Mr. Mikhalkov commented "A film becomes an international film when it is truly national and cultural oriented".

Replying to a question about the violence in today world, he got emotional and said has advocated love and passion through his work. "The world has died of its own greed, people value money more than emotions, this leads to violence and aggression".

Speaking more about his work he said his films are comment on the life of particular time, not on any political system. He continues saying that he does not like to follow strict set of format of film making as he feels movies should have the freedom to breath.

He thanked the Indian Film festival directorate for conferring Lifetime Achievement Award for 2015 and said he feels proud being included in the list of distinguished personalities who have received the award previously.

The celebrated Russian filmmaker Mr. Nikita Makhalkov is winner of the 1995 Academy Award for Best Foreign Film. "At Home among Strangers" was his first feature film while he garnered international recognition for his film "A Slave of Love in 1975". With an incomparable body of work, Mikhalkov represented soviet cinema internationally.

In 1994, his film "Burnt by the Sun", won the Grand Prix at the Cannes Film Festival and an Academy Award for the Best Foreign Language Film in 1995. Mr. Mikhalkov wrote, directed and played the lead role in this film.

His 1998 film "The Barber of Siberia" was the most expensive Russian film and opened at the Cannes Film Festival in 1999-an owner rarely accorded to a Russian Director.

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