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Dear

Students, Faculty, Esteemed Alumni, staff, officers & Colleagues,

As we celebrate the auspicious occasions of Diwali, Kali Puja and Chhath Puja, I extend my heartfelt wishes to each one of you and your loved ones. May these festivals bring happiness, peace, positivity and prosperity into our lives.

These festivals remind us that every challenge offers an opportunity for a new beginning, and that the light of hope and determination can always guide us forward. The recent developments at our Institute at SRFTI have been a matter of concern, however, I firmly believe that we must look ahead with optimism, learn from our experiences and remain focused on the larger aspirations of this great institution.

I joined SRFTI a month ago, with a dream of strengthening SRFTI and its constituent unit, FTII Itanagar, as truly world-class centres of film and media education. I remain deeply committed to that vision. Both Institutes have extraordinary potential, esteemed Alumni, gifted students, dedicated faculty, committed staff and immense opportunities waiting to be explored.

We are at an exciting juncture in India's creative journey. The Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of the Orange Economy, recognising the power of Creativity, Culture, Content and Innovation, is opening new horizons for our young talent. Initiatives such as WAVES and prestigious platforms like IFFI, MIFF and other National and International Festivals, supported by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India, along with other stakeholders, are creating unprecedented opportunities for aspiring filmmakers, artists and media professionals, and also helping us to nurture creative talent and strengthen India's presence in the Global Media and Entertainment landscape.

SRFTI and FTII(I) must become important parts of this National Journey. I envision institutions where students can visualise their bright future, while experimenting and innovating; where faculty members inspire, mentor and guide young minds; and where our officers, administrative, technical and support staff contribute with dedication towards creating an enabling environment for excellence.

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I firmly believe that every individual at SRFTI and FTII(I) is important. Whether in a classroom, a studio, a shooting location, or behind the scenes, every contribution matters. Institutions are built not just through infrastructure and resources, but through the collective commitment, hard work and sense of belonging of all those who are part of them. Each one of us has a meaningful role in shaping the future of both Institutes.

Our future is far bigger than our immediate challenges. Let us renew our commitment to both Institutes, strengthen the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect, and work together to realise their immense possibilities.

As the lamps illuminate our homes, the spirit of Kali Puja inspires us with courage and strength, and Chhath Puja reminds us of gratitude, devotion and harmony with nature, let us resolve to bring new light, energy and enthusiasm to SRFTI and FTII(I).

Let us dream big, believe in our collective potential and work together to make SRFTI and FTII(I) institutions that every student, faculty member, staff member and our esteemed Alumni are proud to be associated with.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very Happy Diwali, Shubho Kali Puja and heartfelt greetings on Chhath Puja.

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