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Indian producer's ambitious game plan for FNU Film and TV campus

Ravi Malik has worked with headlines names in Indian film production and now that he is Director of Fiji National University's UniStudio Campus in Raiwai, he has set his sights on turning the campus into a top-class film and television facility.

Senior Lecturer at FNU's Department of Film & TV, Mr Malik was appointed the new campus director last week, taking over from Daniel Singh.

The appointment naturally taps into his vast experience in film making in India, the world's largest film content producer, so there is no shortage of inspiration.

Mr Malik's dream is to turn Raiwai Campus into the kind of complex he designed for the Government of Gujarat, and which comprises a chain of 10 FM radio stations, six entertainment, news, sports and educational television channels along with a Film and TV training institution – all under one roof.

His portfolio includes his work in 200 films, 1500 television serials and over 2500 social service sports and advertisements with world renowned film makers such as Satyajit Ray, Shyam Benegal, Vinod Chopra, Ketan Mehta, Mira Nair, Richard Attenbrough, Sudhir Mishra and Prakash Jha.

Mr Malik said he intends to make the campus a state-of-the art facility comprising a film and television studio and a FM radio station, all of which would be the largest in Fiji equipped with world class cameras, lighting equipment, modern sound recording set up and edit suite.

"The equipment will meet the best international technical standard in the field of cinema, television and audio visual equipment and production," he said.

The campus has several departments including music, graphic designing, art, hairdressing and media and journalism which will form an integral part of the production of films, television programmes, web designing, animation and audio visual production.

"I intend to bring to the fore and promote young Fijian talent," he said. Mr Malik wants to immediately initiate the production of feature films and television and serial and programs involving local Fijian talent and students trained at FNU's Film and TV Department.

Unistudio will also be registered as an accredited agency enabling film makers to source local talent, film production equipment facilities and trained personnel in the various crafts of film making.

"This will also involve the production of short films, ad films, social services, ads and animation serials for which Unistudio will be adequately equipped."

A film festival will also be held, screening world class films from various countries.

“It is likely to be a competitive film festival giving a high impetus to young, aspiring film makers,” he said.

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