

# 10<sup>th</sup> CMS VATAVARAN

International Film Festival and Forum on Environment & Wildlife

27-30 NOVEMBER 2019 | DAIC, JANPATH NEW DELHI 2019

COMPETITIVE

**Total Entries to 10<sup>th</sup> Competitive edition of CMS VATAVARAN:**

**1020 films**, from more than **60 countries**

Short listed from **Peer Review: 284**

**Nominated: 77 Films** (45 National & 32 international)

In **9 categories** for **10 Awards**  
(each in National & International)



The 10th CMS VATAVARAN International Film Festival and Forum on Environment & Wildlife, was organized from 27 - 30 November 2019 at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath New Delhi, India.

The beautiful and reverent venue gave this festival a special benediction. This 10th competitive edition of CMS VATAVARAN was inaugurated by Mr. Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, formerly the Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Ms. Tamara Mona, Deputy Head, Embassy of Switzerland in India; Shri Ravi Agrawal, Additional Secretary, MoEF&CC; Dr. N. Bhaskara Rao, Chairman, CMS, and other senior officials from the Ministry. At this inaugural, the CMS IHCAP Environment Journalist awards were presented. The 2019 IHCAP - CMS Young Environmental Journalist Award was conferred to Nidhi Jammwal (Freelance), Bhaskar Tripathi (IndiaSpend), Milan Sharma (Aaj Tak), Jayshree Nandi (Hindustan Times), Rahul Manv (Danik Jagaran).

The four day festival and forum screened all the nominated films of the 10th competitive edition of CMS VATAVARAN in two halls simultaneously along with other ongoing programs. It also screened premiers of two films along with the short listed films from the first ever SHORT Film Competition and Festival on Pollution organized by MOEFCC and CMS VATAVARAN.

On the festival theme 'Celebrating Himalayas', an Himalayan Summit on Climate Change was organized with support of IHCAP, Swiss Development Agency and Department of Science and Technology, GOI. It brought together IHCAP Partners and State Nodal agencies from the 12 Indian Himalayan states, with the objective to share experiences of on their endeavours, process and impact of climate change adaptation related activities under NMSHE. This two-day Summit also provided an opportunity to share respective efforts, knowledge products and the outcome sustainability for achieving NMSHE mandate.

Films are powerful instrument of change and this film festival has gone a long way to use this powerful medium on important environment issues.

—Suresh Prabhu  
G20 Sherpa and  
Chair 2019 CMSVATAVARAN JURY

CMS VATAVARAN is a timely and important resource for policymakers, scientists, professionals and concerned citizens alike with its main strength being that of communicating climate science in a clear manner to a non-academic audience.

—Tamara Mona  
Chargé d'affaires a.i  
Embassy of Switzerland in India



# Glimpses of 10<sup>th</sup> CMS VATAVARAN



Special programs like training session for teachers on “Building Conservation Leadership through Education” and workshop for students on “Green Careers – Environment, a Cause and a Career” was organized and co-hosted by the WWF India. Also a panel discussion on “Role of Education and Communication in Conservation and Development” was co-hosted by IUCN-CEC & FLEDGE.

A two day 4K Filmmaking workshops conducted by Mr. Nandan Saxena and Kavita Behl, and masterclasses on Green filmmaking by Mr. Anoop Khajuria and Mr. Dinesh S. Yadav also turned out to be a huge success with full-packed, enthusiastic participants.

Another session for the youth on “Music for the Wild” Music & Film for Environmental Consciousness-An Interaction with Grammy® Winner Ricky Kej was the highlight on the first day of the festival. Followed by the premier of the film “Wild Karnataka”.

The young children and the youth enjoyed the festival venue, watching the films and also the opportunity to interact with award winning filmmakers. The school students also participated in an On the Spot Painting Competition organized by NMNH.

The festival also attracted a lot of younger audience from college students studying environment, science and media & journalism studies. A total of 17 schools and colleges from Delhi NCR like Venkateshwara International School, Sundar Deep World School, St. Mark’s Girls Sr. Sec. School. Miranda House, Rachna International University, Jamia Milia University, Delhi School of Journalism to name a few, had participated enthusiastically in large numbers for the Workshops and Training sessions, while enjoying the numerous Film Screenings throughout the day. NGO’s like Prayas and Mahila Choupal also participated with their students. More than 2000 participants were part of this four-day film festival and forum.

The festival was supported and promoted by an active social and mass media campaigns. Print advertisement along with radio advertisement was used to promote the festival. All social media handles of CMS VATAVARAN were active with short video clips and promos throughout the festival month.

This year, the festival saw enthusiastic participation of nominated filmmakers from many countries including Canada, Israel, Germany, USA, Nepal, Bangladesh, and from various Indian states. Several eminent conservation experts and nature enthusiasts participated in this festival, including Waterman of India Rajendra Singh, Ms. Marylaure Crettaz, Head Swiss Cooperation Office and Counsellor, Additional Secretary MOEFCC Mr Ravi Aggarwal, Grammy Awardee Ricky Kej, Noted film makers Mr. Raghunath Belur, Ms. Sugandhi Gagadhar, Mr. Dinesh S. Yadav, Mr. Nandan Saxena, Ms. Kavita Behl and Mr. Anoop Khajuria.

A gala awards nite was also hosted during the festival to announce and present the prestigious CMS VATAVARAN awards to filmmakers, journalists (Young Environmental Journalism Awards) and conservationists. During this ceremony 20 awards were presented to filmmakers for their well-deserved films. [The Discovery India – CMS Best of Festival Award 2019](#) presented to Mr. Ajay Bedi and Mr. Vijay Bedi for their film “[The Secret Life of Frogs](#)”. The Awards were selected from 76 nominated films by an eminent Jury chaired by Mr. Suresh Prabhu, in 9 categories for Indian and International films.

The MoEFCC and CMS VATAVARAN also organized a Short Film Competition & Festival for the first time on the theme of Pollution. The competition received 326 entries from all over India, in School students, Amateur/ College students and Professional/ Film studios categories. In all, 10 Films were selected for award out of the 90 nominated films by an eminent Jury chaired by Shri Ramesh Sippy. The life time achievement award for the conservationists – Prithvi Bhusan was also presented on this occasion. The [2019 Amity University - CMS Prithvi Bhusan Award](#) was awarded to [Shri Rajendra Singh](#).

This edition of CMSVATAVARAN was organised in partnership with Indian Himalayas Climate Adaption Programme (IHCAP) of the Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation, and supported by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MOEFCC), Doordarshan, IUCN-CEC, Down to Earth, World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Amity School of Communication, Discovery India and National Museum of Natural History (NMNH).