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10th CMS VATAVARAN Award Nominees announced

India's longest standing and largest green film festival, 10th CMS VATAVARAN, has today announced this year's Award Nominees who are in the running for 20 awards across 9 categories. A total of 77 Indian and International films have been nominated in nine categories out of the total 1020 submissions that were received for the 10th competitive edition.

77 Thematic Films on Environment and Wildlife to be screened: All the 77 nominated Indian and International films in various categories, namely the festival theme Celebrating Himalayas, Wildlife Conservation, Environment Conservation, Livelihoods & Sustainable Technologies, Climate Change: Adaptation & Mitigation, Animation Films School student films, Amateur & Youth films and Public Service Announcements will be screened at the 10th CMS VATAVARAN.

The festival is scheduled to be screened across 4 days from November 27 to 30, 2019 in New Delhi. Some of the top categories that received the maximum number of films from both Indian and International filmmakers are Wildlife Conservation, Livelihoods & Sustainable Technologies and Environment Conservation.

NOMINATIONS OF FILMS ANNOUNCED FOR THE 9TH CMS VATAVARAN

- **Total 1020 film submissions received for the festival**
- 77 Films Nominated (**45 National & 32 International**) by the Nomination Jury
- The festival will have 20 Indian & International Awards
- Total Award money ranges from Rs 25,000 – Rs 1,00,000/- for Indian filmmakers
- International awards carry a citation and a trophy.
- All the 77 films will be screened at the 10th CMS VATAVARAN which is scheduled to be held from November 27-30, 2019

Films from 15 States and 19 Countries: Of the 77 nominations, 45 Films from 15 states nominated in National categories. *The maximum nominations were recorded from Delhi, with 12 films. With 8 film nominations, Maharashtra came second.*

Consistent with past festivals, filmmakers from 60 countries have entered their films in the international section this year in which, 32 films were nominated from 19 countries. *USA leads the chart with 8 film nominations, while Canada and UK come close with 3 films respectively.*

Theme of the 10th Edition: The theme of CMS VATAVARAN festival and forum this year is '**Celebrating Himalayas**' which will delve into the issues of climate change and its impact on Himalayan region. It will investigate into the impact of over exploitation of natural resources and the rapidly changing climate of the fragile and sensitive ecological region of Himalayas.



Nomination Jury: The Nomination Jury for the 10th CMS VATAVARAN was held from July 23 to 25, 2019 at Amity School of Communication, Noida. Nomination jury comprises of representatives from various organizations like IUCN, WWF, Amity University, Department of Science & Technology, SDFN, ICDEOL, BNHS, NETPAC, Clean Air Asia and eminent green activist and social worker Padmashree Dr. Anil Prakash Joshi was the head of the nomination jury

Now, these Nominated films will be presented to the Award Jury for selecting the award winners during Award Jury Meet to be held on August 30 and 31st, 2019.

Award Jury: An eminent Jury chaired by **Shri Suresh Prabhu** (former Union Minister) will review all these nominated films to select the awardees. Other Jury members include: **Mr. Ricky Kej** (music composer and conservation ambassador), **Mr. Nila Madav Panda** (film maker), **Mr. Richard Mahapatra** (Editor - Down to Earth), **Ms. Megha Tata** (MD, Discovery Channel), **Mr. Veda Kumar** (Chairman Telangana Children's Film Society), and **Ms. Suhasini Mulay** (film maker and actor). The 2019 festival will have 18 awards in 9 Indian and International categories. A Best of the Festival Award will be awarded each in Indian and International categories. The award money for Indian category ranges from INR 25,000 – 1,00,000. International awards carry a citation and a trophy.

Upcoming 10th CMS VATAVARAN: All nominated films will then be screened in the upcoming film festival and forum. The 10th edition has been scheduled to be held from November 27th to 30th, 2019 at New Delhi. With the theme "Celebrating Himalayas", several interesting programs such as film screenings, seminars, Media workshops, exhibitions, etc. focusing on the impact of over exploitation of natural resources and the rapidly changing climate of the fragile and sensitive ecological region of Himalayas. Eminent conservationists, policy makers, environment journalists and the concerned communities will be engaged in deliberations and discourses on the range of the sub-themes and cross-cutting issues of Himalayan ecosystem and conservation.

CMS VATAVARAN is India's premier environment and wildlife film festival and forum – it is aimed towards enhancing understanding, appreciation and shift in attitudes towards the natural world and to increase space for environmental issues in mass media and evolve a nationwide environment outreach framework. The festival taps into an important motivating factor for audiences everywhere: the emotional draw of connecting with a compelling story or character. The festival reaches out to people from all walks of life including filmmakers, civil society groups, government organizations, environmentalists, researchers, conservationists, policy makers, activists, public and private sector organizations and students of all ages and is recognized as a calendar event amongst filmmakers, environment, wildlife and conservation sector. Its unique twin track approach of organizing competitive and traveling film festivals and environment forum has positioned it as one of the most prestigious film festivals across the globe. Since its inception in 2002, eight competitive and 52 travelling festivals in 41 cities of 25 Indian states have been organized. www.cmsvatavaran.org

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