



Entries invited for India's premier environment and wildlife film festival CMS VATAVARAN 2011

The much awaited environment and wildlife biennial international competitive film festival and forum, CMS VATAVARAN is back. Film entries are invited from Indian and International filmmakers for 2011 festival focusing on biodiversity conservation. Last date of submission is May 31, 2011.

New Delhi, March 14, 2011: Call for entries have been announced for the sixth edition of India's much appreciated environment and wildlife film festival and forum CMS VATAVARAN. Held biennially in New Delhi, the film festival has become one of the most awaited events for wildlife filmmakers, researchers and environment experts across the globe. Last date for submission of films in ten categories is May 31, 2011. The competitive film festival carries an award money of Rs 15 lakhs for filmmakers. The film festival will be organised from December 06-10, 2011 in the capital. (www.cmsvatavaran.org).

Highlights:

- Indian and International film screenings
- Total award money of Rs 15 lakhs for Indian filmmakers
- IFEJ Congress and International Biodiversity Conference
- Asian panorama of green films
- Photography competition
- Special festival segment for youth
- Filmmaking workshops, seminars, eco-tour and several other activities

Theme of 2011 film festival: Biodiversity conservation

The film festival and forum will be organised on the theme of 'Biodiversity Conservation'. Explaining more about the theme of the festival and forum Ms Alka Tomar, Director, film festival said, "The eleventh Conference of the Parties (COP 11) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) will be held in India in 2012. The film festival and forum through green film screenings, seminars, workshop, congress and various other activities will help in taking forward the initiatives taken during 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, and building up momentum towards COP11". There are ten subject areas where filmmakers can send their entries. The film categories include

- Biodiversity conservation
- Climate Change and Sustainable Technologies
- Environmental Conservation
- Water for All
- Series (based on Environment and Wildlife)
- Films for Children
- Newcomer
- Animation
- Livelihoods
- Public Service Announcements (PSA)



Participation

The participation is open to environment and wildlife filmmakers, professional and amateur. In the 5th edition of CMS VATAVARAN (2009) 366 entries from 20 Indian states and 23 foreign countries were received.

Awards and award money

- Seventeen Indian Awards in 10 categories
- Eleven International Awards in 10 categories
- Prithvi Ratna Award for lifetime achievement in environment filmmaking
- Best environment journalist award (print/ electronic)
- Total award money of Rs 15 lakhs (Awards ranging from Rs 50, 000- Rs1,50,000)

About CMS VATAVARAN

CMS VATAVARAN is a visionary initiative of CMS, an independent Delhi-based, pan-India, multidisciplinary research organisation. The festival aims to bring to the fore larger environmental concerns through films. It forges a dialogue and generates timely debate on the topical environmental issues involving the public. The festival was initiated in 2002 and the fifth CMS VATAVARAN Competitive Film Festival was organised in 2009 under the theme 'Climate Change and Sustainable Technologies'. The festival had attracted 366 entries from 20 Indian states and 23 foreign countries. Twenty two programmes were organised including workshop on confronting climate change, international environmental journalists congress, seminar on eco-tourism and climate change primer for teachers.

For more details

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