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24 films on environment and wildlife from Delhi/NCR nominated for 6th CMS VATAVARAN 2011 environment and wildlife film festival

- A total of 68 films from 12 states of India and 9 countries have been nominated for the 2011 film festival
- Films have been nominated under ten thematic areas including Biodiversity conservation, climate change, water and livelihood
- Total award money for Indian conservation filmmakers in the 2011 competitive film festival is INR 15 lakhs
- The 6th CMS VATAVARAN, environment and wildlife film festival will be organised from Dec 6-10, 2011 at the Convention Centre, New Delhi

New Delhi, September 15, 2011: The much awaited nominations for 2011 CMS VATAVARAN, India's one and only international competitive environment and wildlife film festival, have been announced today. This year 68 films have been nominated by a 37-member nomination jury headed by an eminent scholar and diplomat Dr Abid Hussain. The festival closed its call for entry on July 31 and received more than 300 film entries from 27 countries and 21 Indian states. The nominated films will now compete for the coveted CMS VATAVARAN awards in various categories and also for the exciting award money of INR 15 lakhs. The winners will be announced in a glittering award ceremony on Dec 9, 2011 at New Delhi. The film festival will be organised from Dec 6-10, 2011 at the Convention Centre, opp. Jantar Mantar, New Delhi.

Nominated Films 2011

Indian category: A total of 51 films have been nominated for this year's festival from 12 states of the country. Delhi has topped the list with 21 films followed by Kerala (8 films), Maharashtra (5 films) and Karnataka (4 films). Two films each have been nominated from Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. From Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Punjab one film has been nominated. Prominent Indian filmmakers whose films have been nominated include Naresh Bedi, Rishu Nigam, Krishnendu Bose, Umesh Aggarwal, Nandan Saxena, Akanksha Joshi, Sandesh Kadur, Senani Hegde, Suresh Elamon and several other well-known conservation filmmakers in the country.

International category: 17 films from 9 countries have been nominated in the international segment. USA has got the maximum nominations (5) followed by Germany and Japan (3 each). One film each has been nominated from France, Canada, New Zealand, UK and Pakistan. Prominent international filmmakers whose films have been nominated include Jon Cooksey, Christian Baumeister, Tetsuo Hirakawa, Nameera Ahmed, Simon Chambers and others



Film categories

The films have been nominated in ten subject areas. These include:

Category	INDIAN	INTERNATIONAL	TOTAL
Animation	5	1	6
Biodiversity	4	2	6
Climate Change and Sustainable Technologies	3	3	6
Environmental Conservation	4	2	6
Films for Children	4	-	4
Livelihoods	6	2	8
Newcomer	4	2	6
Newcomer (Student)	4	-	4
Public Service Announcements (PSA)	9	1	10
Series (Based on Environment and Wildlife)	3	2	5
Water for All	5	2	7
Total	51	17	68

About CMS VATAVARAN (www.cmsvatavarana.org)

CMS VATAVARAN is India's premier festival and forum on environment and wildlife issues. The 6th biennial competitive edition of CMS VATAVARAN will be held in New Delhi from December 6-10, 2011. The theme of CMS VATAVARAN 2011 is Biodiversity Conservation and is in sync with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) 11th Conference of Parties (CoP11) to be held in India in October 2012. 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. The festival was initiated in 2002 and is completing ten glorious years in 2011.

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