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Delhi bags 8 Awards in CMS VATAVARAN environment and wildlife film festival

- **Kerala comes second with 7 awards in the Indian category**
- **In the international category 3 awards bagged by USA, 2 by Germany and one each by New Zealand, Canada, Japan and France**
- **Awards worth INR 15 lakh given to Indian filmmakers**

Films made by Delhi based directors swept the Award Ceremony of 6th CMS VATAVARAN , environment and wildlife film festival. Winning 8 wards in different categories, including Best of the Festival Award Delhi topped the list, with Kerala coming second bagging 7 awards. The awards were presented this evening in a glittering award ceremony at the Convention Centre, NDCC. It was attended by Ms Ambika Soni, Minister of Information and Broadcasting, eminent filmmakers Basu Chatterjee and Prakash Jha, Mr Chandiprasad Bhatt, environmentalist, Mr Havard Hugas, counsellor, Climate Change and Energy, Royal Norwegian Embassy and several other environmentalists and filmmakers.

Indian category

Films from Delhi bagged awards in important categories like Water for all, Biodiversity, Climate Change, Best story, Best Cinematography and Best of the Festival. Filmmakers whose films have won include Vishal Nityanand , Akanksha Joshi, Rishu Nigam, Amar Kanwar, Rintu Thomas and others. Vishal Nityanand's film 'Kosi: Injustice with Millions of Villagers and Revolt by Kosi River', Akanksha Joshi's film 'Earth Witness: Reflections on the Times and the Timeless', Amar Kanwar;s Public Service Announcements have won two awards each.

International category

In the International category 9 awards were presented. Three film from USA have won awards. These are Chasing Water, Dog in the Manger (El Perro Del Hortelano) and SoLa: Louisiana Water Stories. Germany bagged two awards for Poppy's Promise: Secret Life in the Cornfield (Das Kornfeld: Dschungel fur einen Sommer) and Amazon Alive: Hidden Secrets. One award each has been won by New Zealand, Canada, Japan and France.

The 6th CMS VATAVARAN, environment and wildlife film festival will continue till Dec 10, 2011.

(LIST OF THE WINNERS IS ENCLOSED)