Directorate of Film Festivals announces winners for the 67th edition of the National Film Awards for 2019

The Directorate of Film Festival of India has announced the 67th National Film Awards at a press conference by the eminent panel of Shri N. Chandra, Chairman, Central Panel for Feature Films Jury, Shri Arun Chaddha, Chairman, Non-Feature Films Jury, Shri Shaji N Karun, Chairman, Most Film Friendly State Jury and Shri Saibal Chatterjee, Chairman Best Writing on Cinema Jury.

The Chairpersons and other Jury Members, ahead of the press meet, submitted a report on the 67th National Film Awards to Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Shri Prakash Javadekar.

A complete list of the awards is given below.

67th National Film Awards, 2019 Most Film Friendly State Award

Sr. No.	State	Medal
1	Sikkim	Rajat Kamal & Certificate

67th National Film Awards, 2019 Best Writing on Cinema

Award for Best Book on Cinema:

Sr. No.	Title of the Book	Language	Name of the Author	Name of the Publisher	Medal and Cash prize
1	A GANDHIAN AFFAIR: INDIA'S CURIOS PORTRAYAL OF LOVE IN CINEMA	English	Sanjay Suri	HarperCollins Publishers India	Swarna Kamal and Rs. 75,000/-

Special Mention:

Sr. No.	Title of the Book	Language	Name of the Author	Award
1	CINEMA PAHANARA MANUS	Marathi	Ashok Rane	Certificate
2	KANNADA CINEMA: JAGATHIKA CINEMA VIKASA-PRERANE- PRABHAVA	Kannada	P R Ramadasa Naidu	Certificate

Award for Best Film Critic:

Sr. No.	Name of Critic	Language	Medal and Cash Prize
1	Sohini Chattopadhyay	English	Swarna Kamal and Rs. 75,000/-

67th National Film Awards, 2019 Non-Feature Films Section

S.No.	Category of Award	Title of the Film	Awardee	Medal & Cash Prize
1	Best Feature Film	MARAKKAR-ARABIK KADALINTE-SIMHAM (Malayalam)	Producer: Aashirvad Cinemas & Director: Priyadarshan	Swarna Kamal and Rs. 2,50,000 (each)
2	Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film of a Director	HELEN (Malayalam)	Producer: Big Bang Entertainments & Director: Mathukutt Xavier	Swarna Kamal and Rs.1,25,000 (each)
3	Award for Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment	MAHARSHI (Telugu)	Producer: Sri Venkteswara Creations & Director: Paidipally Vamshidhar Rao	Swarna Kamal and Rs. 2,00,000/- (each)

4	Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration	TAJMAL (Marathi)	Producer: Tuline Studios Pvt. Ltd. & Director: Niyaz Mujawar	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,50,000/- (each)
5	Best Film on Social Issues	ANANDI GOPAL (Marathi)	Producer: Essel Vision Productions Ltd., Freshlime Films LLP, Namah Pictures Pvt. Ltd. & Director: Sameer Vidwans	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,50,000/- (each)
6	Best Film on Environment Conservation/Preservati on	WATER BURIAL (Monpa)	Producer: Faruque Iftikar Laskar & Director: Shantanu Sen	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,50,000/- (each)
7	Best Children's Film	KASTOORI (Hindi)	Producer: Insight Films & Director: Vinod Uttreshwar Kamble	Swarna Kamal and Rs. 1,50,000/- (each)
8	Best Direction	BAHATTAR HOORAIN (Hindi)	Director: Sanjay Puran Singh Chauhan	Swarna Kamal and Rs. 2,50,000/-
9	Best Actor	BHONSLE (Hindi) & ASURAN (Tamil)	Actor: Manoj Bajpayee & Actor: Dhanush	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 50,000/- (Shared)
10	Best Actress	MANIKARNIKA-THE QUEEN OF JHANSI (Hindi) & PANGA (Hindi)	Actress : Kangana Ranaut	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 50,000/-
11	Best Supporting Actor	SUPER DELUXE (Tamil)	Supporting Actor: Vijaya Sethupathi	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 50,000/-
12	Best Supporting Actress	THE TASHKENT FILES (Hindi)	Supporting Actress: Pallavi Joshi	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 50,000/-
13	Best Child Artist	KD(A) KARUPPU DURAI (Tamil)	Child Artist : Naga Vishal	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 50,000/-

14	Best Male Playback Singer	KESARI (Hindi)	Singer : B Praak for song "Teri Mitti"	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 50,000/-
15	Best Female Playback Singer	BARDO (Marathi)	Singer : Savani Ravindra for song "Raan Petala"	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 50,000/-
16	Best Cinematography	JALLIKKETTU (Malayalam)	Cameraman: Gireesh Gangadharan	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 50,000/-
17	Best Screenplay	JYESHTHOPUTRO (Bengali) & GUMNAAMI (Bengali) & THE TASHKENT FILES (Hindi)	Screenplay writer (original): Kaushik Ganguly & Screenplay writer (adapted): Srijit Mukherji & Dialogue Writer: Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 50,000/- (each)
18	Best Audiography	IEWDUH (Khasi) & TRIJYA (Marathi) & OTHTHA SERUPPU SIZE-7 (Tamil)	Location Sound Recordist (for sync sound films only): Debajit Gayan & Sound Designer: Mandar & Kamalapurkar Re- recordist of the final mixed track: Resul Pookutty	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 50,000/- (each)
19	Best Editing	JERSEY (Telugu)	Editor: Navin Nooli	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 50,000/-
20	Best Production Design	ANANDI GOPAL (Marathi)	Production Designer: Sunil Nigwekar & Nilesh Wagh	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 50,000/- (Shared)
21	Best Costume Designer	MARAKKAR-ARABIK KADALINTE-SIMHAM (Malayalam)	Costume Designer: Sujith Sudhakaran & V. Sai	Rajat Kamal and Rs.50,000/- (Shared)
22	Best Make-up Artist	HELEN (Malayalam)	Make-up Artist: Ranjith	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 50,000/-
23	Best Music Direction	VISWASAM (Tamil) JYESHTHOPUTRO (Bengali)	Music Director (Songs): D. Imman Music Director (Background Music): Prabuddha Banerjee	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 50,000/- (each)

24	Best Lyrics	KOLAAMBI (Malayalam)	Lyricist: Prabha Varma Song " Arodum Parayuka Vayya"	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 50,000/-
25	Special Jury Award	OTHTHA SERUPPU SIZE-7 (Tamil)	Producer & Director : Radhakrishnan Parthiban	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 2,00,000/-
26	Best Special Effects	MARAKKAR-ARABIK KADALINTE-SIMHAM (Malayalam)	Special Effects Creator : Siddharth Priyadarshan	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 50,000/-
27	Best Choreography	MAHARSHI (Telugu)	Raju Sundaram	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 50,000/-
28	Best Action Direction Award (Stunt Choreography)	AVANE SRIMANNARAYANA (Kannada)	Vikram Mor	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 50,000/-

Best Feature Film in each of the language specified in the Schedule VIII of the Constitution

1.	Best Assamese Film	RONUWA - WHO NEVER SURRENDER	Producer: Bornali Creative Vision Entertainment & Director: Chandra Mudoi	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,00,000/- (each)
2.	Best Bengali Film	GUMNAAMI	Producer: SVF Entertainment Pvt. Ltd. & Director: Srijit Mukherji	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,00,000/- (each)
3.	Best Hindi Film	CHHICHHORE	Producer: Nadiadwala Grandsons Entertainment Pvt. Ltd., Fox Star Studios & Director: Nitesh Tiwari	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,00,000/- (each)
4.	Best Kannada Film	AKSHI	Producer: Kalaadegula Studio & Director: Manoj Kumar	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,00,000/- (each)
5.	Best Konkani Film	KAAJRO	Producer: de Goan Studio & Director: Nitin Bhaskar	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,00,000/- (each)

6.	Best Marathi Film	BARDO	Producer: Ritu Films Cut LLP	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,00,000/- (each)
7.	Best Malayalam Film	KALLA NOTTAM	Producer: First Print Studios & Director: Rahul Riji Nair	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,00,000/- (each)
8.	Best Manipuri Film	EIGI KONA	Producer: Luwang Apokpa Mamikol Production & Director: Bobby Wahengham, Maipaksana Haorongbam	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,00,000/- (Shared)
9.	Best Odia Film	SALA BUDHAR BADLA & Kalira Atita	Producer: New Generation Films, Director: Dr. Sabyasachi Mohapatra & Producer: Eleeanora Images Pvt. Ltd., Director: Nila Madhab Panda	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,00,000/- (Shared)
10.	Best Punjabi Film	RAB DA RADIO 2	Producer: Vehli Janta Films, Director: Sharandeep Singh	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,00,000/- (each)
11.	Best Tamil Film	ASURAN	Producer: V Creations, Director: Vetri Maaran	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,00,000/- (each)
12.	Best Telugu Film	JERSEY	Producer: Sithara Entertainments, Director: Gowtam Tinnanuri	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,00,000/- (each)

Best Feature Film in each of the languages other than those specified in Schedule VIII of the Constitution

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1.	Best Chhattisgarhi Film	BHULAN THE MAZE	Producer: Swapnil Film Productions, Director: Manoj Verma	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,00,000/- (each)
2.	Best Haryanvi Film	CHHORIYAN CHHORON SE KAM NAHI HOTI	Producer: Essel Vision Productions Limited & Satish Kaushik Entertainment, Director: Rajesh Amar Lal Babbar	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,00,000/- (each)
3.	Best Khasi Film	IEWDUH	Producer: Shiven Arts, Director: Pradip Kurbah	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,00,000/- (each)
4.	Best Mishing Film	ANU RUWAD	Producer: Obonori Pictures, Director: Dilip Kumar Doley	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,00,000/- (each)
5.	Best Paniya Film	KENJIRA	Producer: Neru Films, Director: Manoj Kana	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,00,000/- (each)
6.	Best Tulu Film	PINGARA	Producer: DMR Productions, Director: R Preetham Shetty	Rajat Kamal and Rs. 1,00,000/- (each)
		BIRIYAANI (Malayalam) & JONAKI PORUA (Assamese) & LATA	Director : Sajin Babu & Actor : Benjamin Daimary	
7.	Special Mention	BHAGWAN KARE (Marathi) & PICASSO (Marathi)	& Actress: Lata Kare & Director: Abhijeet Mohan Warang	Certificate

The list of Jury members, along with their short Biography, is as follows:

The Central Panel for Feature Film included 11 Members:

- 1. N Chandra (Chairperson of Central Panel): Chandrashekhar Narvekar is an Indian producer, writer and director. He is best known for his films such as Ankush, Pratighaat, Tezaab and Narsimha.
- 2. Dilip Shukla (Member of Central Panel): Dilip Shukla is an Indian film writer and director, known for Andaz Apna Apna, Dabangg and Dabangg 2.
- 3. Bijaya Jena (Member of Central Panel): A National Award-winning filmmaker, Bijaya Jena is a feature film director, actress, scriptwriter and producer.
- 4. Manoj Joshi (Member of Central Panel): The Bollywood films & television serials actor Manoj Joshi is best known for his work in Phir Hera Pheri, Chakravartin Ashoka Samrat & Bhool Bhulaiyaa.
- 5. Gangai Amaran (Member of Central Panel): Gangai Amaran is a veteran music director, singer, lyricist and scriptwriter. Amaran is known for his work in Tamil cinema.
- 6. C Umamaheswara Rao (Member of Central Panel): Umamaheswara Rao is an Indian film director, screenwriter, aesthetician and producer known for his works predominantly in Telugu cinema.
- 7. Subhash Sehgal (Member of Central Panel): Subhash Sehgal is an Indian film director and producer.
- 8. Manju Borah (Member of Central Panel): Manju Borah is a multiple international and national award-winning Indian female film director and short story writer.
- 9. Arunoday Sharma (Member of Central Panel): Arunoday Singh is an Indian actor. He is primarily known for his work in Hindi films such as Sikandar, Main Tera Hero and Mohenjo Daro.
- 10. G P Vijaya Kumar (Member of Central Panel): GP Vijayakumar is an Indian film producer known for his work predominantly in the Tamil movie industry.
- 11. S. Kumar (Member of Central Panel): The Indian cinematographer S. Kumar is known for his work in Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, and Hindi film industry

The North Panel for Feature Film included 5 Members:

- 1. Manju Borah (Chairperson of North Panel): Manju Borah is a multiple international and national award-winning Indian female film director and short story writer.
- 2. Sasi Paravoor (Member of North Panel): Sasidharan Pillai is an Indian film producer who has worked predominantly in the Malayalam movie industry.
- 3. Anuradha Singh (Member of North Panel): Anuradha Singh is an Indian film editor. She has been part of several international projects and is best known for her work in Slumdog Millionaire.
- 4. Adeep Tandon (Member of North Panel): Adeep Tandon is a well known veteran Cinematographer. Tandon is best known for his films like Censor, Rao Saheb and Saaransh.
- 5. Atul Pandey (Member of North Panel): Atul Pandey is a renowned Indian film producer. He has produced movies like Summer 2007, Bombairiya, Bhairavi, among others.

The South I Panel for Feature Film included 5 Members:

- 1. Arunoday Sharma (Chairperson of South I Panel): Arunoday Singh is an Indian actor. He is primarily known for his work in Hindi films such as Sikandar, Main Tera Hero and Mohenjo Daro.
- 2. C. Umamaheswara Rao (Member of South I Panel): C. Umamaheswara Rao is an Indian film director, screenwriter, aesthetician and producer known for his works predominantly in Telugu cinema.
- 3. Vinod Mankara (Member of South I Panel): Journalist turned filmmaker, Vinod Mankara, produced more than 600 documentaries, most of them telecast on various channels.

- 4. Saran (Member of South I Panel): Shriya Saran Bhatnagar is an Indian actress and model who works predominantly in Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi language films.
- 5. Pampally (Member of South I Panel): Sandeep Pampally is an Indian film director and screenwriter from Kerala.

The South II Panel for Feature Film included 5 Members:

- 1. Subhash Sehgal (Chairperson of South II Panel): Subhash Sehgal is an Indian film director and producer.
- 2. Prashant Naik (Member of South II Panel): Prashant Naik is an Indian film editor. Naik is currently serving as the Editing Department Head at Subhash Ghai's film school, Whistling Woods International.
- 3. Nidhi Prasad (Member of South II Panel): Nidhi Prasad is an Indian film director who has worked predominantly in the Telugu film industry.
- 4. Rajendra Prasad Choudrie (Member of South II Panel): Rajendra Prasad is a cinematographer, writer, producer and director known for his works in Indian cinema.
- 5. Rathnaja: Rathnaja is a B.E Mechanical Graduate, also an Agriculturist, dairy farmer, horticulturist and a Director, Writer, Producer in Kannada Film Industry. He has won Karnataka State Awards and Film Fare Awards South for his debut feature film NENAPIRALI.

The East Panel for Feature Film included 5 Members:

- 1. G P Vijayakumar (Chairperson of East Panel): Vijayakumar is a Malayalam film producer. He is also the current President of the Kerala Film Chamber.
- 2. Rajesh Kumar Singh (Member of East Panel): Rajesh Kumar Singh is a popular actor and assistant director known for his work in Anwar, Fareb and Commando.
- 3. Maniram Singh (Member of East Panel): Moirangthem Maniram Singha is an Assamese filmmaker, director, producer and scriptwriter from the North Lakhimpur district of Assam.
- 4. Ajaya Routray (Member of East Panel): Ajaya Routray is an Oriya movie producer and director in the state of Odisha.
- Arijit Halder (Member of East Panel): Arijit Halder is a Bengali director. He directed the movie 'Ara Ekbar', casting three National Award-winning actors Rituparna Sengupta, Indrani Halder, Roopa Ganguly.

The West Panel for Feature Film included 5 Members:

- 1. C Umamaheswara Rao (Chairperson of West Panel): C. Umamaheswara Rao is a Telugu film director. He is a National Film Award winner and is known for his films Ankuram, Srikaram, Surya Putrulu and more.
- 2. Christopher Dalton (Member of West Panel): Christopher Dalton is a film critic /essayist. He's one of the authors of the book 'Indian Film Culture: Indian Cinema'. And is presently editor of 'Cinematic Illusions' and the 'Journal of Indian Cinema'.
- 3. GK Desai (Member of West Panel): GK Desai is a producer, actor and writer, known for his works The Ode and The Opportunist. He is currently serving on The Advisory Panel of CBFC (Central Board of Film Certification).
- 4. Dnyanesh Moghe (Member of West Panel): Dnyanesh Moghe is a filmmaker known for his films Digant and Kanteantlem Ful.

5. Sanjay Khanzode (Member of West Panel): Sanjay Khanzode is a cinematographer, who has majorly worked on Feature Films, Short films, Advertising films, Music Video, documentaries and Corporate Films over the span of his 3 decades-long career.

The Panel of Non-feature Film Jury included 7 Members:

- 1. Arun Chaddha (Chairperson of Non-feature Film Jury): Arun Chaddha is a documentary filmmaker. He has won two National Film Awards and is known for his film Mindscapes of love and longing.
- 2. Sesino Yhoshu (Member of Non-feature Film Jury): Sesino Yhoshu is a Naga film director, and her documentary film The Pangti Story won the National Film Award for the Best Environment Film
- 3. Meena Longjam (Member of Non-feature Film Jury): Meena Longjam is a Manipuri film director whose docu-film Auto Driver won the National Film Award in 2015.
- 4. Sriprakash Menon (Member of Non-feature Film Jury): Sriprakash Menon is a Documentary filmmaker, Journalist & Media Strategist. He was actively involved with the Central Board of Film Certification (Censor Board) as a panel member in Mumbai from 2001 to 2004. Presently, he is a panel member of the CBFC.
- 5. Sushil Rajpal (Member of Non-feature Film Jury): Sushil Rajpal is an Indian director and producer. He is an alumnus of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) and famous for directing his National Award-winning film Antardwand.
- 6. Harish Bhimani (Member of Non-feature Film Jury): Harish Bhimani is a filmmaker, narrator, writer and anchor. Harish has directed 35 docs-shorts-corporates-ads, apart from three TV serials.
- 7. Sanjib Parasar (Member of Non-feature Film Jury): Sanjib Parasar is an alumnus of Dr Bhupen Hazarika Regional Government Film & Television Institute with a specialization in Cinematography. He has Produced, Directed, scripted and Cinematographed several Documentaries/Docuseries for private channels, Corporate companies, Prasar Bharti and other organizations since 2008.

The Panel of Best Writing on Cinema Jury included 3 Members:

- Saibal Chatterjee (Chairperson of Best Writing on Cinema Jury): Saibal Chatterjee is a National Film Award-winning film critic and author of a book on Gulzar, co-editor of a book on films; and a documentary scriptwriter.
- 2. Raghavendra Patil (Member of Best Writing on Cinema Jury): Prof. Raghavendra Patil is a retired Principal of Pre University College. His published work includes Odapugalu, Pratimegalu, Desagati, Mayiya Mukhgagalu, Eshtu Kadatava Kabbakkee, among others.
- 3. Rajeev Masand (Member of Best Writing on Cinema Jury): Rajeev Masand is an Indian film critic. He works for Noida based English language news channel CNN-Indian Broadcasting Network (CNN-IBN).

The Panel of Most Film Friendly State Jury included 5 Members:

- 1. Shaji N Karun (Chairperson of Most Film Friendly State Jury): Shaji Neelakantan Karun is an Indian film director and cinematographer. His debut film Piravi won the Caméra d'Or Mention d'honneur at the 1989 Cannes Film Festival.
- 2. Manju Borah (Member of Most Film Friendly State Jury):Manju Borah is a multiple international and national award-winning Indian female film director and short story writer from Guwahati, Assam.

- 3. Ravi Kottarakara (Member of Most Film Friendly State Jury): Ravi Kottarakara is an Indian film producer, who has worked predominantly in the Malayalam movie industry.
- 4. Firdausul Hasan (Member of Most Film Friendly State Jury): Firdausul Hasan is a film producer from Kolkata. His production house Friends Communication won best feature film in Bengali in the 65th National Awards for his film Mayurakshi.
- 5. Abhishek Shah (Member of Most Film Friendly State Jury): Abhishek Shah is an Indian film director. He is known for his work in Hellaro, Union Leader and Vandha Villas.