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Dadasaheb Phalke Award

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Why is in news? Asha Parekh to be honoured with Dadasaheb Phalke Award, 2020

The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is **India's highest award in the field of cinema**.

It is **presented annually at the National Film Awards** ceremony by the **Directorate of Film Festivals**, an organisation set up by the **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**.

The recipient is honoured for their "outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema" and is selected by a committee consisting of eminent personalities from the Indian film industry.

The award comprises a **Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus) medallion, a shawl, and a cash prize of ₹1,000,000**.

It was **first presented in 1969**, the award was introduced by the Government of India to **commemorate Dadasaheb Phalke's contribution to Indian cinema**.

Phalke (1870–1944), who is **popularly known** as and often regarded as "**the father of Indian cinema**", was an Indian filmmaker who **directed India's first full-length feature film, Raja Harishchandra (1913)**.

The **first recipient of the award** was actress **Devika Rani**, who was honoured at the **17th National Film Awards**. As of 2022, there have been 52 awardees.

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