

National Film Awards

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Why is in news? 69th National Film Awards for the year 2021 announce; Rocketry: The Nambi Effect bags best Feature Film

These are among the most prestigious honours bestowed upon persons who have **contributed to the advancement of cinematic art.**

These prizes have been given out annually since 1954.

The **Directorate of Film Festivals** took over the responsibility of organizing these awards in 1973.

The winners are **chosen by a national selection committee** appointed by the government.

The awards are **presented by India's President**, and the winning films are shown to the public.

The awards are presented not just to the finest films from India's Bollywood industry, but also to the best films from other countries.

The Awards are categorized into **three sections**; Feature Films, Non-Feature Films, and Best Writing on Cinema.

In addition, a lifetime achievement award, named after the **father of Indian cinema Dadasaheb Phalke**, is awarded to a film personality for the outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian Cinema.

All the award winners are awarded a Medallion, a cash prize, and a certificate of merit.

Six categories from the Feature Films section, two from the Non-Feature Films and Best Writing on Cinema sections each have been made eligible for Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus Award), and the rest of the categories for Rajat Kamal (Silver Lotus Award).