**My Name is Salt declared Best of Festival award**

The 8th CMS VATAVARAN felicitated more than 22 awards to filmmakers who were competing in various categories at the NDMC Convention Centre. The award jury chaired by Mr Amol Palekar selected the winners in 8 categories for Indian films and 5 categories for International films.

The awards ceremony also felicitated the winners of the Young Environmental Journalism Awards to three journalists in print and online categories. Mr Aniruddha Ghosal and Ms Pritha Chatterjee of The Indian Express were selected as the joint winners of the YEJA- Print category. Mr Manu Moudgil of India Water Portal was felicitated in YEJA- Online category.

The winner of the 2015 Prithvi Ratna Award is Mr Himanshu Malhotra, a documentary filmmaker specialising in environment and wildlife filmmaking. . The CMS YES BANK Prithvi Bhushan Award has been awarded to Mr Anupam Mishra for his works on promoting water conservation, water management and traditional rainwater harvesting techniques.

The Best of Festival Awards in Indian and International sections were awarded to My Name is Salt by Farida Pacha and Last Call (Ultima Chiamata).

**The details of the winners are as under and can also be found online (**[**http://vat2015.cmsvatavaran.org/2015-announcements/**](http://vat2015.cmsvatavaran.org/2015-announcements/) **)-**

**INDIAN SECTION**

**BEST OF FESTIVAL-** My Name Is Salt, Farida Pacha

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGIES**

JURY SPECIAL  MENTION

**Losing Ground, Rishu Nigam**

**LIVELIHOOD**

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| WINNER  (Less than 20 min)  **Missing, Krishnendu Bose** | WINNER  (More than 20 min)  **Candles in the Wind, Kavita Bahl and Nandan Saxena** |

**WILDLIFE CONSERVATION**

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| WINNER  More than 20 min  **Walking with Wolves, Senani Hegde** | |
| JURY SPECIAL MENTION  Less than 20 min  **Flight to Freedom: The Amur Falcon Story, Rita Banerji** | JURY SPECIAL MENTION  Less than 20 min  **Living with Elephants, S U Saravana Kumar** |
| Jury Special Mention  More Than 20 Min  **India’s Wandering Lions, Praveen Singh & Martin Dohrn** | JURY SPECIAL MENTION  More Than 20 Min  **Forgotten Tigers, Krishnendu Bose** |

**WATER FOR LIFE- The Battle Begins…, Surendra Manan**

**ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION- I Cannot Give You My Forest, Nandan Saxena and Kavita Bahl**

**FILMS FOR CHILDREN- Turtle Diaries- The Olive Ridley Turtle, Rita Banerji**

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT- Pratibimb, Debanjan Nandy**

**NEWCOMER- Pakke Nu Chhadnu Nai (My Nomad Soul), Harsimran Kaur and Siddharth Govindan**

**SPECIAL JURY AWARD-** The Hunt, Biju Toppo

**BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY**

JOINT WINNERS

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| Walk with Wolves, Senani Hegde | My Name is Salt, Farida Pacha |

**INTERNATIONAL SECTION**

**BEST OF FESTIVAL-** Ultima Chiamata (Last Call), Enrico Cerasuolo

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGIES-** Racing to Zero, In Pursuit of Zero Waste, Christopher Beaver

**WILDLIFE CONSERVATION-** Im Reich Des Schneelleoparden (Realm of the Snow Leopard), Axel Gomille

**WATER FOR LIFE-** Seven Waters, Eberhard Spreng

**ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION-** Divide in Concorde, Kris Kaczor