



TIME TO SWITCH TO CHANGE!

SWA UPGRADES ITS WEBSITE AS THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY MOVES TO POST COVID UNLOCKING

SWA undertakes the mission of upgrading its website for the benefit of all its members. We appeal for your support during the process of overhauling our systems. Towards the end of January 2021, some of the facilities of our website like Member's Login (Accounts Portal), Script Registrations, Membership Renewals, new membership etc. shall be temporarily unavailable. The above facilities will not be available offline (at the office) too as the process is linked online.

We will make sure the facility of online Script Registration resumes very soon for all SWA members with valid membership. We assure you that the SWA staff will be available to happily answer your queries on phone and emails during this time. Wishing you a happy new year 2021!

SWA IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE SECOND EDITION OF...



SWA Awards
2021

FOR FEATURE FILMS, TELEVISION SHOWS,
WEB SERIES AND LYRICS RELEASED IN 2020

Deadline for
Submissions

15 categories
of Awards in

SWA Awards 2021
the only awards in India
dedicated exclusively to
**Screenwriters and
Lyricists** of Hindi Feature
Films, Television Shows
and Web series.
Judged by a jury of
eminent screenwriters.

February
15th
2021



Features
Films



Television
Shows



Web series



Lyrics

Read all the rules and regulations at <http://awards.swaindia.org/>
Fill out the submissions form online

SUBMISSIONS OPEN

ONLY AWARDS IN INDIA DEDICATED TO SCREENWRITERS & LYRICISTS

Screenwriters Association proudly presents the Second Edition of SWA Awards. If you are a writer or lyricist of a TV Show or Web Series that aired in 2020, we encourage you to apply for SWA Awards 2021 and tell your other writer-friends about it too.

Started in the year 2020 on the occasion of SWA's Diamond Jubilee year, it is the only awards in India dedicated entirely to screenwriters and lyricists of Hindi Feature Films, Hindi TV Shows and Hindi Web Series. Judged by a jury of eminent screenwriters, SWA Awards 2021 aims to be the most coveted and prestigious awards for writers in India, at par with the screenwriting awards instituted by international writers guilds across the world.

Hindi Feature Films, TV Shows, Web Series and Songs released or aired in the year 2020 will be considered eligible for the competition. All Feature Films released in 2020 will be automatically nominated for the award in the feature film categories, whereas TV Shows, Web Series writers and Lyricists will have to submit their entries online.

SWA Awards 2021 will be given in 15 categories.

FEATURE FILMS

1. Best Story
2. Best Screenplay
3. Best Dialogue
4. Best Debut Writer

TV SERIES - DRAMA

5. Best Story
6. Best Screenplay
7. Best Dialogue

TV SERIES - COMEDY

8. Best Story
9. Best Screenplay
10. Best Dialogue

WEB SERIES

11. Best Script for Web Series- Original Drama
12. Best Script for Web Series- Original Comedy
13. Best Script for Web Series- Adaptation (Based on Book / Novel / Play)

LYRICS

14. Feature Films: Best Lyrics
15. TV Series/ Web Series: Best Lyrics.

For details & to submit entries:
awards.swaindia.org

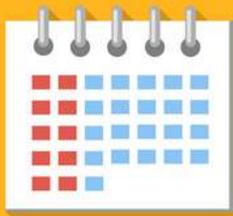
Last date for submission:

15th February 2021 (till midnight)

Award Ceremony: 27th June 2021

*Let's celebrate the
Kohinoor of content -
the Screenwriter!*

SWA Awards 2020 ceremony can be viewed on our official YouTube Channel and the Facebook Page.



SWA HOLIDAYS 2021

REPUBLIC DAY
TUESDAY, 26TH JANUARY

HOLI
MONDAY, 29TH MARCH

GOOD FRIDAY
FRIDAY, 2ND APRIL

GUDI PADWA
TUESDAY, 13TH APRIL

MAHARASHTRA DAY
SATURDAY, 1ST MAY

RAMZAN EID
WEDNESDAY, 12TH MAY

BAKRI EID
TUESDAY, 20TH JULY

INDEPENDENCE DAY
SUNDAY, 15TH AUGUST

GANESH CHATURTHI
FRIDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER

ANANT CHATURDASHI
SUNDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER

GANDHI JAYANTI
SATURDAY, 2ND OCTOBER

DUSSEHRA
FRIDAY, 15TH OCTOBER

DIWALI
THURSDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER

DIWALI
FRIDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER

BHAI DOOJ
SATURDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER

CHRISTMAS
SATURDAY, 25TH DECEMBER 2021

A MESSAGE FROM THE HON. GENERAL SECRETARY (AD-HOC)

Friends,

Our members appreciate the work culture that we have been able to inculcate over the time. Be it Script Registration, Admissions, attending to members' queries, legal support, SWA events or welfare activities, we have handled things efficiently with a warm and personal touch. We have added the services of an HR consultant, PR team, Legal Officer, full time Executive Coordinator, Website Editor and recently, an Events Manager.

Now, we are gearing up to appoint a full time COO (Chief Operations Officer) to reduce the burden on the Executive Committee and add next level of professionalism. Our well mannered staff members are always available to serve you with a smile. I wish you all a very happy new year with a promise of more and better services at SWA.

With you, for you, always
On behalf of the Executive Committee of SWA,

VINOD RANGANATH





INDIAN SCREENWRITERS GO ONE STEP CLOSER TO WORLDWIDE ROYALTIES

Finally, a copyright society called, the **SCREENWRITERS RIGHTS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA (SRAI)**, has been formed by a group of senior writer-friends and producers. SWA has been offering close support to SRAI, since its success will benefit all SWA members too.

SRAI will collect and distribute royalties to all Indian screenwriters when their work is shown on satellite TV, OTT platforms, hotels, airlines, or anywhere else outside of a cinema hall, in India or abroad. While its registration by the Registrar of Copyrights is pending, SRAI has already initiated the process of working out reciprocal agreements with almost all the existing copyright societies from other countries.

WHO ARE THE FOUNDERS?

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Anjum Rajabali (Chairperson), Kamlesh Pandey, Vipul A. Shah, Saket Chaudhary, Zaman Habib, Rajesh Dubey, Juhi Chaturvedi; Vinod Ranganath – CEO

WHY WAS IT FORMED?

The Indian Copyright Act was amended in 2012, thereby granting an unwaivable right to receive royalty to all scriptwriters. The method of collecting this royalty is to be via a copyright society. Hence, SRAI. (According to the law, writers are to receive royalties throughout their lifetime, and then by their heirs for 60 years after the writer's death.)

WHY JOIN A COPYRIGHT SOCIETY?

For an individual writer, it is impossible to keep track of where his/her work is playing and how much it is earning there. A copyright society, via its arrangement with broadcasters, OTT platforms, hotels, airlines, etc. monitors that and collects royalties on behalf of its members from those sources. Hence, it seems not just advisable but in fact essential for writers to become members of their copyright society to enable them to receive their royalties.

HOW TO JOIN SRAI?

There is no joining fee. It's free. Let SRAI know of your desire to become a member by submitting this Google form: forms.gle/Aie7iRjBAbQdtjRT7

AN ADVICE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Writer friends,

As you're aware, SWA has undertaken the mission of upgrading its website for the benefit of all its members. Due to this, the Online Script Registration facility will also be unavailable for a few days.

For such a scenario, here's my advice - In case you have not been able to register your scripts, you can send an e-mail to your own account and keep it as a proof of possession of the script on that particular date. You can also put a copy of the script in an envelope and send it by registered post to yourself and can keep the sealed envelope as a proof of possession of the script on that particular date.

I hope the registration process begins soon and you can register your work online.

I welcome the year 2021 with new hopes not just for screenwriters but a world that has braved a pandemic.

Wishing you a Happy New Year 2021!

Yours sincerely

ROBIN BHATT
President, SWA



NEWS FLASH

- SWA waives off 5% surcharge on the amount received from settlement of DSC cases.
- The term of Executive Committee - 2018-2020 ends. Due to lockdown elections are not possible, hence an ad-hoc committee is formed from amongst the elected members to continue until next elections.
- SWA appoints Ms. Jayalaxmi Naidu as the new Sr. Executive - Accounts from January 2021, replacing Ms. Ragini Shengunshi.
- SWA President Mr. Robin Bhatt invites all writers and lyricists who have a TV Show/ Web Series / Song released in 2020 to apply for SWA Awards 2021 through a video message. Link: twitter.com/i/status/1347917019203608587
- Coordinator for SWA Awards 2020, Mr. Sanchit Dahake joins SWA as its Events Manager to continue as the Coordinator for SWA Awards 2021.
- Winner of SWA Award 2020 'Best Original Drama - Web Series' (for Richie Mehta, Sanyuktha Chawla Shaikh), 'Delhi Crime' also wins the award for Best Drama Series at the 48th International Emmy Awards, in November 2020.

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