



## INDIAN SCREENWRITERS WRITE NEW HISTORY!

WRITERS & LYRICISTS OF FEATURE FILMS, TV & WEB SERIES GET RECOGNITION WITH SWA AWARDS 2020

The first ever SWA Awards 2020, organised by the Screenwriters Association which completed 60 years on 13th May, 2020, was held on 27th September, 2020, with thundering success. Overall, 223 Hindi Feature Films, 146 Television Shows, 43 Web Series and 146 songs were considered by the 6 jury panels of eminent screenwriters, directors, lyricists and show creators. Finally, winners were announced in 15 categories for feature films, TV shows, web series and lyrics out of almost 90 nominees.

Hosted by writer-actor Varun Badola and actress Rajeshwari Sachdeva, the event was held online and broadcasted Live on social media keeping in mind the health concerns due to the COVID19 pandemic. Writer, producer and director Aatish Kapadia performed a tongue-in-cheek comedy sketch to show how the world generally behaves with writers. Writer and stand-up comic Varun Grover performed another comedy sketch on the bizarre writing inputs and notes that screenwriters often receive in the film and television industry. Poets and lyricists Shellee and Hussain Haidry presented a melodious and thought-provoking lyrical *jugalbandi* on the hardships and joys of being a writer in the industry. Illusionist, mentalist and hypnotist Akshay Laxman combined his skills with his childhood passion of filmmaking for a one-of-its-kind illusionary act. Finally, screenwriter, filmmaker and composer Vishal Bhardwaj and singer Rekha Bhardwaj presented their newly composed songs for the first time on this momentous occasion.

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# **SWA CELEBRATES THE KOHINOOR OF CONTENT – THE SCREENWRITERS!**

## **WINNERS AND JURY MEMBERS OF SWA AWARDS 2020**

### **TV SHOWS**

The jury comprising of Aanand Mahendroo, Ajai Sinha, Kamlesh Pandey, Liliput Faruqui, Manjul Sinha, Purnendu Shekhar and Sanjay Upadhyay announced the winners in the TV shows categories:

1. TV Comedy- Best Story: Nitin Keswani for 'Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah'
2. TV Comedy- Best Dialogues: Bhavna Vyas for 'Baavle Utaavle'
3. TV Comedy- Best Screenplay: Aatish Kapadia for 'Bhakharwadi'
4. TV Drama- Best Story: No Award
5. TV Drama- Best Dialogues: Preeti Mamgain for 'Mere Dad Ki Dulhan'
6. TV Drama- Best Screenplay: Kartick Sitaraman for 'Mere Dad Ki Dulhan'

### **WEB SERIES**

The jury comprising of Ruchi Narain, Suhail Tatari & Sweksha Bhagat for Web Original Drama; Juhi Shekhar, Reshu Nath & Shiv Subrahmanyam for Web Original Comedy; and Anuraadha Tewari, Anuya Jakatdar & Ketki Pandit for Web Adaptation announced the winners in the Web Series categories:

7. Web Series- Best Original Drama: Richie Mehta & Sanyuktha Chawla Shaikh for 'Delhi Crime'
8. Web Series-Best Original Comedy: Devika Bhagat & Ishita Moitra for 'Four More Shots Please!'
9. Web Series- Best Adaptation: Dhruv Narang, Nihit Bhave, Pooja Tolani and Varun Grover for 'Sacred Games – Season2'

### **LYRICS**

The jury comprising of Amit Khanna, Ila Arun, Kausar Munir, Mayur Puri & Panchhi Jaloni announced the winners in the Lyrics categories:

10. TV/Web- Best Lyrics: Zama Habib for the song 'Ek Chup Tum, Ek Chup Main' from the show 'Ishaaron Ishaaron Mein'
11. Feature Films-Best Lyrics: Manoj Muntashir for the song 'Teri Mitti' from the film 'Kesari'

### **FEATURE FILMS**

The jury comprising of Apurva Asrani, Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari and Leena Yadav announced the winner in the Best Gender Sensitive Script category:

12. Best Gender Sensitive Script: Ivan Ayr & Kislay for 'Soni'

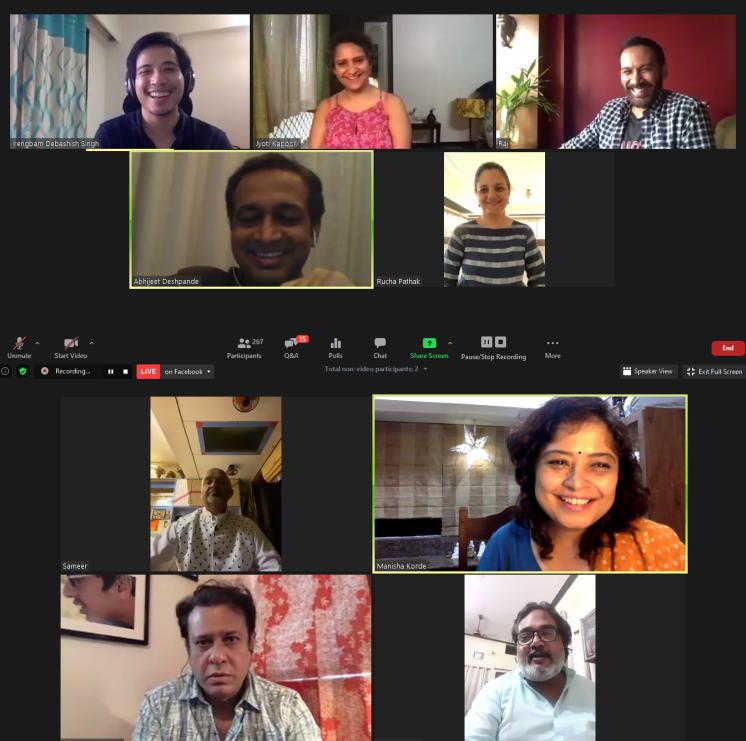
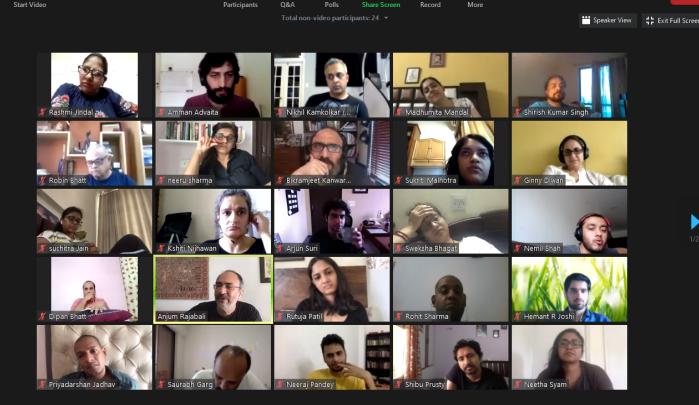
The jury comprising of Ashok Mishra, Atul Tiwari, Juhi Chaturvedi, Saket Chaudhary, Urmil Juvekar, Vijay Krishna Acharya and Vinay Shukla announced the winners in the Feature Films categories:

13. Feature Films- Best Debut Writer: Ivan Ayr & Kislay for 'Soni'
14. Feature Films- Best Dialogues: Vijay Maurya for 'Gully Boy'
15. Feature Films- Best Story: Anubhav Sinha & Gaurav Solanki for 'Article 15'
16. Feature Films- Best Screenplay: Anubhav Sinha & Gaurav Solanki for 'Article 15'

*SWA Awards 2020 ceremony can be viewed on Screenwriters Association's YouTube Channel and the official Facebook Page.*

# SWA EVENTS FIND A NEW STAGE: WEBINARS

From March 2020 to September 2020, the physical activities were restricted due to the COVID19 lockdown. A lot of SWA's regular activities, and a number of events that SWA had been planning, including the Indian screenwriters conference and several screenwriting workshops in different cities, had to be postponed starting with the Patna Screenwriting Workshop, which was announced for mid April.



However, the spirit of our Event Sub-committee was unshakable. The committee decided to organise events online and hosted more than a dozen of such events. The details and recordings of these event can be accessed at: [facebook.com/swaindiaorg/events](https://facebook.com/swaindiaorg/events)

At top of that, senior EC member of SWA Anjum Rajabali conducted two online screenwriting workshops which raised funds for COVID19 relief activities for SWA, as well as five other prominent NGOs (curated by SWA). SWA utilised the donation that it had collected from one of these workshops to help its needy members for essential goods during the lockdown.





## THE NEW BLANK PAGE : STORIES IN THE POST-COVID WORLD

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FRIDAYS

FREE  
WEBINAR

JUNE  
5TH

5PM to  
6:30 PM

event@  
swaindia.org

RAJ NIDIMORU  
[RAJ & OK FAME]  
WRITER-DIRECTOR  
STREET, SHOR IN THE CITY  
GO GOA GONE, FAMILY MAN

JYOTI KAPOOR  
SCREENWRITER  
GOOD NEWWWZ  
BAHAI HO, KACCHA LIMBOO  
DAAWAT-E-ISHQ

ABHIJEET DESHPANDE  
WRITER-DIRECTOR  
WAZIR, BREATH  
MILISHA, RAJU BHOSALE DOTTY  
ANI... KASHINATH GHANEKAR

RUCHA PATHAK  
PRODUCER  
EXCEL ENTERTAINMENT  
BARFI, NEERJA  
PAAN SINGH TOMAR

SWA  
SCREENWRITERS  
ASSOCIATION

FREE  
WEBINAR

FAQ  
FRIDAYS

MAY 15  
7PM - 8:30PM

CREATIVE DEPRESSION:  
MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES  
TYPICAL TO THE CREATIVE MIND • SURVIVING COVID19



Dr. Natasha Kate  
(MD, DNB)  
Psychiatrist,  
Nanavati Hospital.



Anuraadha Tewari  
Writer-Director



PRESENTS

AN ONLINE WORKSHOP WITH  
ANJUM RAJABALI

ESSENTIALS OF  
SCREENWRITING  
A COVID19 FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY MAY 23 STORYTELLING & ELEMENTS OF SCREENWRITING  
SUNDAY MAY 24 PLOT  
SATURDAY MAY 30 CHARACTER  
SUNDAY MAY 31 STRUCTURE  
SATURDAY JUNE 6 SCENE DESIGN & DIALOGUE

10AM  
TO 1PM



WELLNESS FOR THE  
CREATIVE MIND  
AN INTRODUCTION TO NLP

Saturday  
July 18th

7 PM - 8:30 PM

FREE  
WEBINAR

REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED.

EVENT

@SWAINDIAMG



Siri G. P., Sat Puram Singh Khalsa

Directors at ICF ACTP InnerMost  
Club, Gurgaon, India

NLP

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I T Y P E  
I T !

How to Use a Software  
To Write Your Screenplay

FINAL DRAFT  
WRITER DUET  
SCRIPT CELTIX

EVENT@SWAINDIAMG  
FRIDAY AUGUST 28  
5PM - 7 PM

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FRIDAYS

JUNE 12  
5PM - 6:30PM

INTENT, IMPACT AND  
CONSENT

UNDERSTANDING  
SEXUAL  
HARASSMENT  
AT WORKPLACE

Free Webinar + Q & A

Dr. Anagha Saroptdar

Ph.D. Social Sciences  
Chairperson,  
Local Committee, Mumbai Chapter

Limited Seats Available  
Email: event@swaindia.org



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MOITRA

Four More  
shots Please

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WRITING  
FOR  
WEB SERIES

Friday July 31

5pm-6:30pm

Free Webinar

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FRIDAYS

7 PM - 8:30 PM

FREE  
WEBINAR

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PSYCHOTHERAPY FOR THE  
CREATIVE MIND

HOW TO UNDERSTAND  
YOURSELF BETTER AND SEEK PSYCHOLOGICAL  
HELP FOR MENTAL WELLBEING

Dr Leena Bahrami  
MBBS, MD

Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist  
Bernard Transaction Analyst  
Neuro Linguistic Therapist

Anuraadha Tewari  
Writer - Director

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आजादी

SWA  
WEBINARS  
POOJA KRISHNA

Samir Anjan

Bedabrata Pain

Danish Javed

Manisha Korde

Lyricist  
Dubbing 2

Filmmaker  
Chittagong

Screenwriter  
Isaq Subhan Allah

Screenwriter  
Malinal Welsky

Saturday 15 August  
INDEPENDENCE DAY 2020  
6:30 PM - 8 PM

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POOJA  
TOLANI

Sacred Games

Dharmatic

SHREYA  
BHATTACHARYA

Debashish  
IRENGBAM

Adaaalat  
Gumraah

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Presents



ADVANCED SCREENWRITING  
WITH ANJUM RAJABALI  
A COVID19 FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY JUNE 13 PSYCHOLOGICAL DEFENCE MECHANISMS OF CHARACTERS

SUNDAY JUNE 14 MYTHOLOGICAL CHARACTERS AND SCREENWRITING

SATURDAY JUNE 20 THE HERO'S JOURNEY

SUNDAY JUNE 21 PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE FOR SCREENWRITERS

DONATION PER SESSION: ₹1000/-

27 अगस्त

बृहस्पतिवार

शाम 6 से 7:30

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MD Psychiatry  
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IIT Kanpur

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पटकथा-संवाद लेखिका  
मालामाल वीकली,  
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## NEWS FLASH



- During the COVID19 lockdown the Welfare Sub-committee of SWA extended help to nearly 800 members who wrote to SWA.
- SWA donates INR 14,50,000/- to various NGO's, Film Industry's federation (FWICE) and to the Chief Minister's Relief fund.
- Senior SWA activist Anjum Rajabali raises donations worth INR 6,58,907/- for SWA, as well as INR 8,62,000/- donated directly to SWA-curated NGOs, with his two back-to-back SWA COVID19 Fundraiser online screenwriting workshops, in May and June 2020.
- Film industry stalwarts like Hrithik Roshan, Rakesh Roshan, Javed Akhtar, Farhan Akhtar, Ajay Devgn, Kajol, Pritish Nandy, Shabana Azmi, Ritesh Sidhwani and others tweet and hail SWA Awards 2020
- SWA's biennial elections to be postponed till the pandemic comes under control and the situation is conducive.
- SWA's Executive Committee forms an ad-hoc Executive Committee and elects ad-hoc office bearers from the previously elected EC members to continue until next election.
- Senior SWA EC member Vinod Ranganath joins as ad-hoc General Secretary of SWA.
- Ex-General Secretary Sunil Salgia joins as SWA's first Chief Operating Officer (COO).
- SWA Website launches ONLINE MEMBERSHIP portal to huge success. Link: [accounts.swaindia.org/admission](http://accounts.swaindia.org/admission)
- SWA's Legal Officer Anamika Jha starts her column at SWA's website.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE HON. GENERAL SECRETARY (AD-HOC)

Friends

I would like to wish each one of you the best of health while hoping that you are taking all precautions and safety measures.

The SWA office remained closed during the period of the lockdown, as announced by the state and central governments, to fight the COVID-19 Pandemic - a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. In these grave times, SWA reached out to its members through mass mails and announcements on its website and social media pages, offering financial help to those who were in dire condition.

A huge number of members undergoing extreme financial crisis reached out to us and we extended financial support. We also encouraged able SWA members to join this noble cause and a lot of them turned up with monetary contributions. Our Welfare Sub-committee and all the Officer Bearers worked round the clock to ensure that help was made available to needy members, despite limited functioning of SWA office as well as banks.

This gives me immense hope as I continue to look forward to your support. We shall overcome!

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

**VINOD RANGANATH**

## REST IN PEACE, DEAR FRIENDS!

We pay our heartfelt condolences to our members who passed away in the past few months, namely Sarvshri SS Panwar, Madan Pal, Rajinder Singh 'Atish', Balkrishna Mauj, Jyoti Singh, Nusrat Badr, Imteyaz Khan, Yogesh, Anwar Sagar, Jagannath Kundu, Nishikanth Kamat, Ranjan Mishra, Rajat Mukherjee and Abhilash.

The Screenwriters Association also expresses its deep pain and sorrow over the demise of writer-director Basu Chatterjee, actors Rishi Kapoor, Irrfan, Sushant Singh Rajpoot and Shafique Ansari; Producers Guild of India CEO Kulmeet Makkar, satirist Mujtaba Hussain, as well as Urdu poet Rahat Indori.

May their souls rest in peace!

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