



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 11, 2019

STATES

- **Rajasthan - has launched a new higher education model titled- Resource Assistance for Colleges with Excellence or RACE**
- ✓ The model will create a 'central' pool for sharing of facilities which will benefit colleges that lack infrastructure.
- ✓ It provides for the distribution of faculties and movable assets among government colleges at district level, in order to rationalise the resources
- ✓ Colleges in need will submit their requirement to nodal college in district, which will send teachers on deputation
- ✓ It will also help colleges situated in small towns facing shortage of faculties and infrastructure.
- ✓ Rajasthan is having a shortage of around 2000 teachers in government colleges
- ✓ With the adoption of this new model, all colleges would get equal opportunities for imparting quality education

- **India's first wireless 3-D Smart Traffic Signal System, 'Intelights' - was launched on a pilot basis by Mohali traffic police in Punjab.**



- ✓ It proposes an Intelligent Traffic Timer Control to regulate traffic signals with smart bird's eye view using wireless sensor system
 - ✓ Presently, timers of traffic lights display preset value which leads to waste of time, as they are independent of the volume of traffic flow
 - ✓ Intelights has been devised by students of Chandigarh university after three years of intensive research
 - ✓ It uses dynamic signal control technology to adjust timers of red, yellow and green lights according to the traffic density at an intersection.
 - ✓ It uses existing CCTV cameras to gather live traffic video feed, and automatically evaluates the traffic density using Artificial Intelligence (AI), and sets the signal timers accordingly
- **Maharashtra - became first state in the country to adopt an Automated Multi-modal Biometric Identification System (AMBIS) i.e. digital fingerprint and iris scanning system to help police investigations.**
- ✓ AMBIS unit comprises computer terminal, camera, and iris, fingerprint, and palm scanners.
 - ✓ It also includes portable system to dust off and capture fingerprints from crime scenes.
 - ✓ It is an updated version of Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), which is currently used to by the police investigators to search finger and palm prints
 - ✓ AMBIS adopted by Maharashtra Police will soon be implemented across the entire country
- **Rajasthan Assembly - passes Bill against honour killing, making it punishable by death penalty or life imprisonment**
- ✓ The bill was titled as 'Rajasthan Prohibition of Interference with the Freedom of Matrimonial Alliances in the Name of Honour and Tradition Bill, 2019'
 - ✓ It makes honour Killing offence cognizable, non-bailable and non-compoundable, proposing death penalty/life sentence and a fine up to Rs.5 lakh for the perpetrators
 - ✓ The bill also prohibits the congregation of people whose intention is to promote honour killing
 - ✓ Members of such assembly shall be punishable with imprisonment between 6 months to 5 years and fine up to Rs.1 lakh.
 - ✓ The bill also recommends imprisonment and fine based on the level of hurt caused to the sufferers, ranging from 3 years of jail to life imprisonment and a fine from Rs 2 lakh to 5 lakh.
- **Maharashtra Government - launches 'Mission Shakti'**



- ✓ It is a unique initiative to train athletes from tribal areas for international sports events such as 2024 Olympics, by identifying them from two remote areas of Chandrapur and Gadchiroli
- ✓ It was launched by actor Aamir Khan, who also felicitated a team of tribal mountaineers scaling Mount Everest as part of 'Mission Shaurya'
- ✓ The mission is directed towards 6 sporting disciplines namely- archery, shooting, volleyball, swimming, weightlifting and gymnastics.
- ✓ The initiative will be extended to the entire state soon apart from the two chosen districts

NATIONAL

- **Asian Development Bank (ADB) - has approved US \$200 million loan for Road Infrastructure Improving project in Maharashtra's 34 districts**
- ✓ The fund will be used for upgrading roads in rural areas of these districts to all-weather standards for linking them with economic markets and services
- ✓ The project will be implemented by ADB and Maharashtra Rural Road Development Association (MRRDA).
- ✓ The total cost of the project is \$296 million, out of which \$96 million will be funded by the state government
- ✓ The major components of the project are developing road safety, road asset management, contract management, and climate resilient design.
- ✓ ADB is a regional lending and development bank, established in 1966
- ✓ It has its headquarters in Manila, Philippines
- ✓ At present there are 68 member nation of ADB (including India) which includes 49 from Asia-Pacific region and 19 from outside.
- ✓ Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) - launched Samagra Shiksha-Jal Suraksha drive
- ✓ It intends to create awareness about Water Conservation among all school students in the country
- ✓ The drive is inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's impetus to Jal Sanchay as part of Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA)

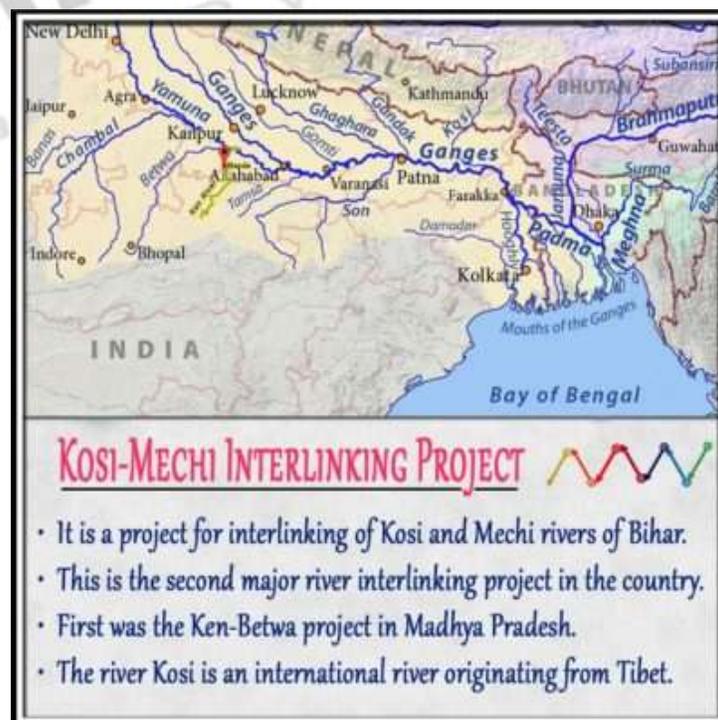
- ✓ The department of School Education & Literacy, MHRD will be the implementing agency for the project
- ✓ It sets up a target of saving one litre of water by a student on a single day, thereby saving 365 litres of water in a year and so on.
- **North eastern state of Manipur - has topped rankings in Breastfeeding and Infant and Young Child Feeding Practices in India**
- ✓ Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Health and Family Welfare Minister released the Report card on Breastfeeding recently



- ✓ Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar secured bottom positions in report card
- ✓ The report card has been developed based on 3 key indicators, early initiation, exclusive breastfeeding upto 6 months followed by complimentary feeding for the next 2 months
- ✓ In 2016, globally around 155 million children under 5 year of age were estimated to be stunted (too short for age), 52 million were estimated to be wasted (too thin for height), and 41 million were overweight (or obese)
- ✓ World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends exclusive breastfeeding for 1st 6 months and breastfeeding with home-made food for minimum 2 years.
- ✓ Globally, Undernutrition is associated with 45% of child deaths.
- **India - signed United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements (UNISA) also known as Singapore Convention on Mediation**
- ✓ It was signed by India's High Commissioner to Singapore Jawed Ashraf, on behalf of the Government



- ✓ So far 46 countries have signed this international treaty on settlement agreements.
 - ✓ The key benefits of signing the convention are -- to boost confidence of investors especially foreign investors investing in India and to provide a positive signal to the investors about India's commitment for adhering to international practice on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) or external dispute resolution (EDR).
 - ✓ The convention provides a uniform framework for enforcing international settlement agreements which results from mediation.
 - ✓ It was adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 2018
- **Rajya Sabha - has recently passed National Institute of Design (Amendment) Bill, 2019.**
- ✓ The Bill seeks to amend National Institute of Design Act, 2014, which declares National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad as an institution of national importance
 - ✓ Now, the bill is pending for passing in Lok Sabha
 - ✓ The bill seeks to declare four National Institutes of Design (NID) in Andhra Pradesh (Amaravati), Assam (Jorhat), Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal) and Haryana (Kurukshetra) as institutions of national importance
 - ✓ Currently, these institutes are registered as Societies under Societies Registration Act, 1860 and do not have power to grant degrees or diplomas
- **The Centre - has approved Rs 4,900 crore Kosi-Mechi Interlinking project for interlinking of Kosi and Mechi rivers of Bihar.**



- ✓ This is the second major river interlinking project in the country to be approved by the Government after the Ken-Betwa project in Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ The Kosi-Mechi project envisages diversion of part of surplus water of Kosi river to Mechi River of river Mahananda basin
- ✓ It provides great scope for huge flood management and irrigation potential in north Bihar and seamanchal region
- **Parliament - has recently passed Repealing and Amending Bill, 2019 that seeks to repeal certain enactments and to amend certain other enactments**
- ✓ It was introduced in Lok Sabha on 25 July 2019 by Union Minister of Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad.
- ✓ It seeks to repeal 58 old and obsolete laws that are listed in first schedule of the bill, which have no relevance at present and makes minor amendments to two other laws.
- ✓ The repealed bills include Beedi Workers Welfare Fund Act, 1976 and Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2001 among others
- ✓ The minor amendments were done to the two acts - Income Tax Act (IT), 1961 and India Institutes of Management (IIM) Act, 2017
- ✓ The centre has, till now, repealed 1,428 old and archaic central Acts
- **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) - has announced setting up Pashmina testing centre in Leh region of Jammu and Kashmir to check the quality of pashmina collected and also to release its BIS standard**



- ✓ It will be set up in partnership with lab of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh
- ✓ Pashmina is a fine type of Kashmiri wool (also known as 'cashmere' in the West)
- ✓ It is used to make shawl, scarf and wrap
- ✓ This unique variety of wool is obtained from four distinct breeds of Cashmere goats
- ✓ Kashmir Pashmina has been accorded Geographical indication (GI) tag under Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999

- **Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan - recently launched Atal Community Innovation Centre in New Delhi**



- ✓ The centre aims to encourage spirit of innovation at community level
- ✓ The initiative has been launched under Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), a flagship initiative of NITI Aayog.
- ✓ It has been launched to focus on 484 backward districts where innovation infrastructure is very weak.
- ✓ AIM is an Innovation Promotion Platform, replacing National Innovation Council (NIC)
- ✓ It involves academics, entrepreneurs and researchers to promote a culture of innovation, scientific research and Research & Development (R&D) by setting up a network of world-class innovation hubs and grand challenges for India.

INTERNATIONAL

- **The recently discovered Kajin Sara lake in Manang district of Nepal - is likely to earn the distinction of the world's highest lake**



- ✓ It is located at a height of 5,200 metres at Singarkharka in Chame rural municipality.
- ✓ The lake, called Singar locally, is said to have formed out of the water melted from the Himalayas

- ✓ It can be reached after an 18-hour-trek from Chame, the Manang district headquarters.
- ✓ The lake has Mt. Manaslu to the east, Mt. Damodar to the west, Mt. Annapurna and Mt. Lamjung to the south, and Mt. Peri to the north
- ✓ Currently, Tilicho lake (also in Manang) holds the record for World's highest lake

- **Pacific island nation of Papua New Guinea, Country in Oceania - has the highest number of 'living' indigenous languages in world (840)**
- ✓ India stands fourth in list with 453 languages and with highest percentage of speakers- 46.31%.
- ✓ The term 'Living languages' stands for languages that are still being used and spoken by people.
- ✓ Ethnologue is a directory of languages which lists 7,111 living languages worldwide.
- ✓ Out of these, around 40% are in danger of disappearing, as per United Nation's Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), 2016
- ✓ Around 3,741 languages have fewer than 1,000 speakers
- ✓ English, Chinese, Hindi, Arabic and Spanish are most widely spoken languages worldwide when only 1st-languages are considered, accounting for 40% of the people worldwide
- ✓ Asia (2303) and Africa (2140) account for highest number of indigenous languages (over 70% of total), Pacific (1322) and Americas (1058).
- ✓ The year 2019 is designated as United Nations' International Year of Indigenous Languages.

- **United States - has recently designated China a "currency manipulator"**
- ✓ The public proclamation follows after chinese central bank allowed Yuan (Chinese Currency) to fall against dollar.
- ✓ China has recently allowed its yuan to weaken past key 7-per-dollar level for the 1st time in more than a decade.
- ✓ The move of china in manipulating its currency provides it an unfair advantage in international trade
- ✓ US will now engage with International Monetary Fund (IMF) to eliminate unfair competitive advantage created by China's latest actions

- **Bangladesh - signed deal with Russia for lifetime supply of uranium for its 2,400 MW Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant (RNPP) in Bangladesh**
- ✓ Through this agreement, both countries will work to determine prices of nuclear fuel, considering the volatile global market
- ✓ Work on two units of Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant (RNPP), each producing 1200 MW of electricity, is scheduled to be completed in 2022 and 2024 respectively



- ✓ In 2017, two countries (Russia and Bangladesh) have also signed spent fuel sent back agreement for management of nuclear waste of Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant

INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- **Pakistan – has cleared the running of Thar Express from Jodhpur to Karachi**
- ✓ Earlier, on August 9, Pakistan announced suspension of all train services to India
- ✓ The Thar Express has been running between Jodhpur and Karachi every Saturday morning, since services resumed on February 18, 2006 after a 41-year suspension.
- **Pakistan - has suspended the Lahore-Delhi friendship bus service from August 12**



- ✓ The decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of the National Security Committee
- ✓ The bus service was first started in February 1999 but suspended after the 2001 Parliament attack
- ✓ It was again restarted in July 2003
- **India and United Kingdom - launched two-year joint initiative- Innovating for Clean Air (IfCA) in Bengaluru, capital of Karnataka**



- ✓ It intends to provide an unique air quality measurement system by integrating satellite and sensor data to provide a detailed localised map of air quality of Bengaluru and support India's transition to Electric Vehicles
- ✓ It is led by Innovate UK — part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and is funded by Newton Fund with partners such as Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Enzen, Project Lithium, Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), C40 Cities and Clean Air Platform.

- **India - has contributed US \$5 million to United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)**
- ✓ The contribution will support UNRWA's core programmes and services, including education, health care, and relief and social services.
- ✓ India has recently increased its annual financial contribution to UNRWA from US \$1.25 million in 2016 to US\$ 5 million in 2018 and 2019
- ✓ UNRWA is the relief and human development agency of UN supporting more than 5 million registered Palestinian refugees, and their descendants.
- ✓ It was established in December 1949 following 1948 Arab-Israeli conflict by UN General Assembly (UNGA) Resolution 302 (IV).
- ✓ It contributes to the welfare of Palestine refugees, who had fled or were expelled from their homes during 1948 Palestine war as well during and following 1967 Six Day war.
- ✓ It provides aid in 5 areas of operation viz. Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Gaza Strip and West Bank, including East Jerusalem
- ✓ Apart from UNRWA, UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) provides aid for Palestinian refugees outside these five areas.

COMMITTEES

- **The Centre - has constituted a 12-member selection panel for national sports awards to eminent athletes and coaches this year**
- ✓ The committee will be headed by Supreme Court judge Justice (Retd) Mukundakam Sharma.



- ✓ The committee includes Sports Secretary Radhey Shyam Jhulaniya, Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) CEO Commander Rajesh Rajagopalan, Sports Authority of India Director General Sandeep Pradhan, six-time world champion boxer M. C. Mary Kom, former football captain Bhaichung Bhutia, former women's cricket team captain Anjum Chopra, celebrated former long-jumper Anju Bobby George and table tennis coach Kamlesh Mehta are among others
- ✓ It also features 2 media persons - Chief Editor of Times Group (Digital) Rajesh Kalra and renowned sports commentator Charu Sharma
- ✓ The National sports awards will be given away on National Sports Day, August 29, the birth anniversary of hockey wizard Major Dhyan Chand
- ✓ The awards are conferred in 8 categories - Dhyan Chand Sports Award for lifetime achievement, Dronacharya Award for coaches, Arjuna Award, Ekalavya Award, Padma Bhushan in sports, Padma Shri in sports, Padma Vibhushan in sports and Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **The 22nd National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) 2019 successfully concluded at Shillong, capital of Meghalaya**



- ✓ The conference, held on August 8-9, had adopted the 'Shillong declaration' on e-Governance during its conclusion
- ✓ It was organized by Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DAPRG), Ministry of Personnel and Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), in collaboration with Government of Meghalaya

- ✓ The theme of the conference was “Digital India: Success to Excellence”

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Chinese telecom giant Huawei - launched its own operating system called HarmonyOS or HongMeng in Chinese**



- ✓ The first version of this operating system would be launched in late 2019 in its smart screen products and later expanded to the other devices over the next three years
 - ✓ Even though currently Huawei is using Google’s Android platform, the new future-oriented operating system might come handy if any US-backed move prohibits Huawei from using Android OS
 - ✓ In May 2019 Huawei was the focus of the deepening trade war between China and US which has seen punitive tariffs slapped on billions of dollars of two-way trade
 - ✓ Later, US had blacklisted Huawei amid suspicions that the company provides a backdoor for Chinese intelligence services, which was denied by Huawei
 - ✓ US had granted a 3-month extension period till August 31 before enforcing the ban
 - ✓ With the ban in place, Huawei might not be able to sell its products in US
- **Researcher from Mexico - have discovered a new method to turn cactus leaves into non toxic and biodegradable material with similar properties to plastic**
 - ✓ The innovation provides an alternative to the usage of harmful, toxic and non-biodegradable plastics.
 - ✓ The pulp of the prickly pear cactus is strained to obtain a juice, which is then mixed with non-toxic additives
 - ✓ It is then stretched to produce sheets that are coloured with pigments and folded to form different types of packaging materials



- ✓ The resultant plastic, which is bio-degradable, decompose naturally in the environment
- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) - laid foundation stone for 'Space Situational Awareness Control Centre' in Bengaluru, Karnataka to protect Indian satellites from space debris.**



- ✓ It will also assimilate tracking data of inactive satellites from indigenous observation facilities and generate information about pieces of orbiting objects, near earth asteroids as well as adverse space weather conditions
- ✓ Till now, ISRO was dependent on North America Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) data for keeping track of space debris and monitoring our active and passive (dead) satellites
- ✓ As India is not a member of NORAD network, it can only access the data available in the public network of NORAD, which is not so accurate
- ✓ Currently, ISRO has fleet of 50 functional satellites, including communication, navigation and surveillance satellites, in space
- **Researchers - have discovered *Dracaena cambodiana*, a dragon tree species in Dongka Sarpo area of West Karbi Anglong District in Assam.**
- ✓ This is for 1st time that a dragon tree species has been reported from India
- ✓ *Dracaena cambodiana* yields dragon's blood- a bright red resin, which is produced when the sap of the plant comes in contact with air

- ✓ It is an important medicinal plant as well as an ornamental tree, having been used as an traditional medicine, varnish, body oil, incense and dye



- ✓ Dracaena genus belonging to family Asparagaceae is represented by 9 species and 2 varieties in Himalayan region, northeast and Island of Andaman and Nicobar Islands

AWARDS

- **Indian actor Shah Rukh Khan - was felicitated with 'Excellence in Cinema' honour at the 10th edition of Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2019**



- ✓ He was presented with the award by Linda Dessau, who is 1st female Governor of State of Victoria, at the iconic Palais Theatre in Melbourne, which is one of city's heritage landmarks.
 - ✓ Khan was also the chief guest at IFFM
 - ✓ The IFFM is organized by Victorian government, Australia, usually between August 8 and August 15
 - ✓ This year, the festival was celebrated with the central theme of 'courage'
 - ✓ More than 60 films from all across India and subcontinent in over 22 languages will be screened at the festival
- **Former India cricketer and Bengal captain, Arun Lal conferred with 'Karthik Bose Lifetime Achievement award' of the Cricket Association of Bengal's (CAB's) in Kolkata**



- ✓ The 63-year-old right-hander played 16 Test matches and 13 One-Day Internationals (ODIs) for India between 1982 and 1989.
- ✓ CAB president Sourav Ganguly appointed him as a mentor of Bengal team last season
- ✓ He was a major figure in Bengal's Ranji Trophy triumph in 1989 and has over 10,000 runs in 156 first-class matches

SPORTS

- **Indian wrestling sensation, Bajrang Punia – picks up his fourth gold of the year at the Tbilisi Grand Prix in Georgia on August 10**



- ✓ In the final, he defeated Iran's Pejman Biabani 2-0 to claim the 65kg title in the men's freestyle competition
- ✓ Earlier, Bajrang has won gold medals at the Ali Aliev tournament in Dagestan, Russia, the Dan Kolov tournament in Ruse, Bulgaria and the Asian Wrestling Championships in Xi'an, China this year
- ✓ His only loss this year came against USA's Yianni Diakomihalis in a one-off match at the Madison Square Garden in New York
- ✓ Last year, Bajrang had won silver at the 2018 World Championships that was held in Budapest, Hungary
- ✓ In 2013 World Championships, he finished with a bronze medal
- ✓ The Asian games champion, Bajrang is one of the strong contenders to win the medal at this year's World Championships, to be held in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan from September 14-22

NATIONAL AWARDS – COMPLETE WINNERS LIST

66th National Film Awards – Feature Film Category

Category	Winner
Best Feature Film	Hellaro (Gujarati film directed by Abhishek Shah)
Best Director	Aditya Dhar (Uri – The Surgical Strike)
Best Actor	Ayushmann Khuranna (Andhadhun) and Vicky Kaushal (Uri – The Surgical Strike)
Best Actress	Keerthy Suresh (Mahanati)
Best Supporting Actor	Swanand Kirkire (Chumbhak)
Best supporting actress	Surekha Sikri (Badhaai Ho)
Best Action Direction	KGF Chapter I
Best Choreography	Ghoomar (Padmaavat)
Best Cinematography	Olu (Malayalam) to MJ Radhakrishnan
Best Popular Film	Badhaai Ho
Best Film for National Integration	Ondalla Eradalla (Kannada)
Best film on Environment issues	Paani
Best Educational Film	Sarala Virala
Best Debut Film of a Director	Naal (Marathi)
Best film on Social Issues	Padman
Best Child artist	P V Rohith (Kannada), Sameep Singh (Punjabi), Talha Arshad Reshi (Urdu) and Shrinivas Pokale (Marathi)
Best Children's Film	Sarkari Area Prathamika Shaale Kasaragod
Best Special Effects	KGF
Special Jury Award	Award shared by Sruthi Hariharan, Joju George for Joseph, Savithri for Sudani From Nigeria, Chandrachood Rai
Best Film on Environment Conservation/Preservation	Paani

Best Original Screenplay	Chi La Sow
Best Adapted Screenplay	Andhadhun
Best Dialogues	Tariqh
Best Lyrics	Nathichirami (Kannada)
Best Music Direction (Songs)	Sanjay Leela Bhansali (Padmaavat)
Best Music Direction (Background score)	Uri – The Surgical Strike
Best Sound Design	Uri – The Surgical Strike
Best Female playback Singer	Bindhu Malini for Mayavi Manave (Nathichirami – Kannada Film)
Best Male Playback Singer	Arijit Singh for Bhinte Dhill (Padmavat)
Best Make-Up artist	Awe
Best Production Design	Kammara Sambhavam (Malayalam)
Best Costume	Mahanati

66th National Film Awards – Regional Films

Category	Winner
Best Assamese Film	Bulbul Can Sing
Best Bengali Film	Ek Je Chhilo Raja
Best Garo Film	Anna
Best Gujarati Film	Reva
Best Hindi Film	Andhadhun
Best Kannada Film	Nathicharami
Best Konkani Film	Amori
Best Malayalam Film	Sudani From Nigeria
Best Marathi Film	Bhonga
Best Panchanga Film	In The Land Of Poisonous Women
Best Punjabi Film	Harjeeta
Best Rajasthani Film	Turtle
Best Tamil Film	Baaram
Best Telugu Film	Mahanati
Best Urdu Film	Hamid

66th National Film Awards – Non-Feature Films

Category	Winner
Best Film on Family Values	Chalo Jeetey Hai
Best Short Fiction Film	Kasab
Social Justice Film	Why Me, Ekant
Best Investigation Film	Amoli
Best Sports Film	Swimming Through The Darkness
Best Educational Film	Sarlabh Virala
Best Film on Social Issue	Talate Kunji
Best Environmental Film	The World's Most Famous Tiger
Best Promotional Film	Rediscovering Jahannum
Best Film on Science and Technology	GD Naidu (The Edison of India)
Best Arts and Cultural Film	Munkar
Best Debut non-feature film of a Director	Feluda
Best Non-Feature Film	Sunrise, The Secret Life of Frogs

66th National Film Awards – Other Awards

Category	Winner
Most film-friendly state	Uttarakhand
Best book on Cinema	Malayalam Book Mano Prarthana Pulley; In A Cult Of Their Own gets Special Mention
Best Film Critic	Blase Johnny (Malayalam), Ananth Vijay (Hindi)

