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Finalists for WAVES Comics Creator Championship & WAVES Awards of Excellence Announced

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The **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB), Government of India**, in collaboration with **Indian Comics Association (ICA)** and **ASIFA India**, has announced the finalists for two prestigious competitions under the **WAVES Create in India Challenge**—the **WAVES Comics Creator Championship** and the **WAVES Awards of Excellence**.

The competitions have attracted participation from across India and internationally, highlighting the country's potential as a **global hub for content creation, intellectual property, and technological innovation**. The winners will be announced at the **World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES 2025)**, scheduled to be held in **Mumbai from May 1-4, 2025**.

Additional Director General, PIB, Bhopal, Shri Prashant Pathrabe said that, WAVES is an important event that provides a global platform for professional entrepreneurs, investors, producers and innovators to connect, collaborate, innovate and contribute in the entertainment sector.



Photo caption : Shri Prashant Pathrabe, Additional Director General, PIB Bhopal addressing the ceremony of announcement of finalists of Waves Comics Creator Championship and Waves Awards of Excellence

WAVES Comics Creator Championship:

Indian Comics Association (ICA) President Ajitesh Sharma stated that ICA has selected 10 teams for the final round and that the candidates for the final round were selected based on their creative story, artistic skills and overall impact.



Photo caption: Shri Ajitesh Sharma, President, Indian Comics Association addressing the Waves Comics Creator Championship and Waves Awards of Excellence finalists announcement ceremony.

The finalists for the Comics Creator Championship are as follows:

Finalists – Professional Category:

1. Mohit Sharma (Meerut) – Ayush Kumar (Delhi)
2. Aparna Chaurasia (Chhatarpur)
3. Bijoy Raveendran (Delhi) – Tadam Gyadu (Delhi)
4. Puneet Shukla (Gorakhpur) – Piyush Kumar (Ranchi)
5. Tejas Janardhan Kamble (Mumbai)

Finalists – Amateur Category:

1. Suvojit Pal (Howrah) – Vivek Pradhan (Raipur)
2. Vindhyaarsh Mishra (Bareilly)
3. Rohit Shukla (Chennai) – Shivangi Shaily (Indore)
4. Ritesh Patra (Kolkata)
5. Randeep Singh (Kendrapara)

Jury Panel for Comics Creator Championship

The five-member jury to evaluate the competition entries included: Dilip Kadam – Renowned comic artist and illustrator; Nikhil Pran – Acclaimed comic creator and son of Pran Kumar Sharma; Jajil Homaveer – Creator of the web manga The Beast Legion; Sanjay Gupta – Founder of Raj Comics; Preeti Vyas – President & CEO of Amar Chitra Katha. The jury panel will now select the winners by evaluating the Semi-Finalists' entries. The selected 10 Finalists will then compete at the Mumbai Waves Event from 1-4 May 2025. The final competition will take place at WAVES 2025 in Mumbai, where the best talents in Indian comics will be recognized on an international stage.

ASIFA announces Waves' Awards of Excellence

The WAVES Awards of Excellence, organized by ASIFA (Association Internationale du Film d'Animation) India under the Create in India Challenge, has received 1,331 entries from 28 Indian states and 13 countries.



Shri Sanjay Khimesara, President, ASIFA India addressing the Waves Comics Creator Championship and Waves Awards of Excellence finalists announcement ceremony.

Jury for WAVES Awards of Excellence

The evaluation process for the **WAVES Awards of Excellence** was led by an esteemed **five-member international jury**, ensuring global standards in selection: **Dr. Anastasia Dimitra (Greece)** – VP, ASIFA International & Animation Educator; **Briana Yarhouse (USA)** – Director, Awards of Excellence & Professor; **Pramita Mukherjee (USA)** – Sr. Creature FX Developer, DreamWorks; **Dhimant Vyas (India)** – Professor of Practice, IDC School of Design; **B.N. Vichar (India)** – Art Director, Technicolor Games

The **winning entries** will receive **mentorship, global exposure, and networking opportunities** with industry leaders.

Final Nominations-Professionals

1	Patrick	Smith	ASIFA24102	Onward Costumed Souls	Ye	USA
2	Fabian	Driehorst	ASIFA24142	Little Fan		Germany
3	Yingyan Chen	Linxiao Zhou, Zehao Chen	ASIFA24205	Online interview		China
4	Long Qin	CHINA	ASIFA24207	IN BEWTEEN		China
5	Suresh	Eriyat	ASIFA24298	The Seed		Mumbai, India
6	Adithi	Krishnadas	ASIFA24299	The Legend of Arana		Mumbai, India

7	Suresh	Eriyat	ASIFA24302	Pune Festival Design Ident Film	Mumbai, India
8	Swati	Agarwal	ASIFA24654	Chalisa'	Mumbai, India
9	Swathy	Pushpalochanan	ASIFA24678	Anpu	Kollam, Kerala
10	Bimal	Poddar	ASIFA24693	IPL opening graphics	Mumbai, India
11	Bimal	Poddar	ASIFA24694	Home season opening graphics/Legend	Mumbai, India
12	Bimal	Poddar	ASIFA24696	RADHA	Mumbai, India
13	Bimal	Poddar	ASIFA24697	13th Portal	Mumbai, India
14	Bimal	Poddar	ASIFA24698	More kaka	Mumbai, India
15	Prateek	Sethi	ASIFA24726	Informa Markets In India - Milan	Mumbai, India
16	Ujwal	Nair	ASIFA24740	Lucky Dog	Chennai, India
17	Gary	Schwartz	ASIFA2492	FLINTMATION II	USA
18	David	Ehrlich	ASIFA2494	A New World	USA
19	Suresh	Eriyat	ASIFA251377	Desi Oon	Mumbai, India
20	Amit	Sonawane	ASIFA251402	What's Your Story	Mumbai, India

Top 26 Nominated works includes Showreels/Shorts from students from across India including states/UT's of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Kerala, West Bengal, Chandigarh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Gujarat, New Delhi.

Final Nominations- Students

S. No	First Name	Last Name	Tracking Number	Project Title
1	Varun	Choudhry	ASIFA24942	Varun Choudhry Modeling Reel 2024
2	Hussain	Bohra	ASIFA24744	IRAN 600 BC
3	Shavikant	Chauhan	ASIFA24474	texturing showreel
4	Karan	Meghlan	ASIFA24930	Karan_Malghan_Modeling_Texturing_Reel
5	Rajat	Aingh	ASIFA241036	CG Lighting Showreel_Rajat Singh
6	Ajit Tanaji	Kinare	ASIFA24881	CG Lighting
7	Ankan	Samanta	ASIFA24850	Rigging Showreel By Ankan Samanta
8	Sumedha	Paul	ASIFA24814	Rigging Showreel
9	Arjun	kumar	ASIFA24157	Animation Showreel
10	Arpit	Thakur	ASIFA24948	Animation Showreel By ARPIT THAKUR
11	Kumkum	Gupta	ASIFA24966	Digital_Painting_Kumkum Gupta
12	Ishwari	Tarkar	ASIFA24969	Digital_Painting_Ishwari_Tarkar
13	Tarun	None	ASIFA24800	Digital Matte Painting
14	Arena	Andheri	ASIFA241073	Matte Paint-Sameer Parab
15	ElangoM	Elango	ASIFA241306	Digital matte painting
16	Prajval	Nanote	ASIFA241005	Motion graphic
17	Sk	Nur Islam	ASIFA241121	Motion Graphics Showreel
18	Sourav	Bishwakarma	ASIFA241202	Compositing Showreel
19	Varun	Sapkal	ASIFA24565	Showreel Varun Sapkal VFX
20	Vijay	Bangar	ASIFA24922	Kothrud_Vijay_Bangar

21	Shaikh	Sahil	ASIFA241176	Avengers: Infinity War movie Shots
22	Aditi	Dixit	ASIFA251357	Showreel
23	Rutvik	Dhole	ASIFA24736	Arwick 2d Animated explainer Video Ad
24	Debopom	Chakraborty	ASIFA24661	Rasmalai
25	Kartik	Mahajan	ASIFA24731	Phool Dei
26	Harshita	Nehlani	ASIFA251352	Adhoori Pehchaan [Incomplete Identity]

About WAVES

The first World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES), a milestone event for the Media & Entertainment (M&E) sector, will be hosted by the Government of India in Mumbai, Maharashtra, from May 1 to 4, 2025.

Whether you're an industry professional, investor, creator, or innovator, the Summit offers the ultimate global platform to connect, collaborate, innovate and contribute to the M&E landscape.

WAVES is set to magnify India's creative strength, amplifying its position as a hub for content creation, intellectual property, and technological innovation. Industries and sectors in focus include Broadcasting, Print Media, Television, Radio, Films, Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics, Sound and Music, Advertising, Digital Media, Social Media Platforms, Generative AI, Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR), and Extended Reality (XR).

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