

NatWest Group Earth Heroes Awards 2021 (formerly RBS Earth Heroes Awards)



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Supporting Enterprises programme reaches out to the most excluded communities of the country whose lives are inextricably intertwined with some of our most important natural ecosystems. Since its inception in 2007, the programme has benefitted over 182,000 families in about 2,100 villages across 13 states in India. For more information write to foundation@natwest.com

“It shall be the duty of every citizen of India to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wildlife and to have compassion for living creatures” – Article 51 A (g) of Constitution of India.

The RBS Services India Private Ltd (A NatWest Group Company) is pleased to announce the nomination process for the NatWest Group Earth Heroes Awards 2021.

The awards would be presented in New Delhi in October/November 2021. These awards were constituted in 2011 and have since then recognized some outstanding individuals and institutions who have gone beyond ‘call of duty’ to make a demonstrable difference to our wildlife and their habitats. NatWest supports wildlife/habitats conservation in India through the work of

NatWest India Foundation that provides sustainable livelihoods to forest dependent communities in the ecologically important landscapes of the country. Forests are slated to contribute significantly towards India’s Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) committed at the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. Forests provide both mitigation as well as adaptation actions on climate change through a range of services. Wildlife and wild habitats are an integral part of a forest/wetland/grassland/desert/coral/mangrove ecosystem and a good ecosystem reflects a thriving interactive relationship among it’s flora, fauna and the natural resources. The NatWest Group Earth Heroes Awards strive to recognize and honour individuals and institutions who work exceptionally hard to protect and conserve these wildlife and wild habitats in India.

Award Categories Include:

- 1 NatWest Group ‘Earth Hero’ Award (Felicitation) – Individual**
 - This award recognizes extraordinary achievements of an individual who has worked a life time in conservation of wildlife, natural resource management, and environment and has influenced policy.
 - No nominations will be accepted as this will be the Jury’s choice.

- 2 NatWest Group ‘Earth Guardian’ Award (INR 2,00,000) – Institution**
 - This award recognizes an institution (NGO/Corporate/Government/Village or Forest Council or Biodiversity Management Committee/Forest Protection Committee/Research/Educational/Media) that has made exceptional contributions in the field of conservation of wildlife, human life and property in wild habitats, natural resource management, environment, wildlife research and awareness building.

- 3 NatWest Group ‘Save The Species’ Award (INR 2,00,000 each) – 2 Individuals – one each from Government and Non-Government organizations**
 - This award recognizes an individual who has been involved, directly or indirectly, in protecting any species as listed in the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. Priority will be given to work on the critically endangered species as identified by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change under it’s **‘Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats’** and has also contributed to education, awareness programs, capacity building and resolving human-wildlife conflict. The jury will retain the right to carry forward or dispense or award both in same category (official/non-official) depending on the merit of nominations received.

- 4 NatWest Group ‘Inspire’ Award – (INR 2,00,000) Individual or institution**
 - This award recognizes an individual (journalist/filmmaker/artist) or institution who has influenced thought or inspired action on conservation of wildlife, natural resource management and environmental protection through his/her creative expression

- 5 NatWest Group ‘Green Warrior’ Award – (INR 2,00,000 each) 2 individuals – one each from Government and Non-Government organizations.**
 - The award recognizes exemplary work to protect habitats that host our nation’s important species as listed in the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 OR have demonstrated work that supports habitat protection, human lives and property in wild habitats. The jury will retain the right to carry forward or dispense or award both in same category (official/non-official) depending on the merit of nominations received.

The Selection Process

The award winners in each category will be selected by an independent jury comprising experts from the field of wildlife conservation, bio-diversity management, science, government, media and NatWest Group.

To request a nomination form, please contact:

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The form can also be downloaded from – <https://www.rbs.in/about-us/natwest-group-earth-heroes-awards.html>

The timelines for the selection process are as follows:

Last date for submitting nominations: **31st May, 2021**

Award winners to be informed by: **30th August, 2021**

Previous Winners



2020

NatWest Group 'Earth Hero' Award (*Felicitation*)

- Dr. Anwaruddin Choudhury, renowned environmentalist, civil servant, and author.

NatWest Group 'Earth Guardian' Award

- Mangrove Cell, Maharashtra

NatWest Group 'Save The Species' Award

- Ms. Rashila P. Vadher, Rescuer Forester, Gujarat Forest Department
- Mr. Mal Singh Jamara, Wildlife Conservationist

NatWest Group 'Green Warrior' Award

- Ms. Anshu Pragyan Das, Deputy Conservator of Forest, Odisha Forest Department
- Mr. Tambor Lyngdoh, Secretary and Founder, Ka Synjuk Ki Hima Arliang Wah Umiam-Mawphlang Welfare Society
- Mr. Narpal Singh Alawa, Forest Guard, Kamti Range, Satpura Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh Forest Department and Mr. Chandra Pal Dhurve, Forest Guard, Bori Range, Satpura Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh Forest Department – joint winners



2019

RBS 'Earth Hero' Award (*Felicitation*)

- Smt. Pramila Bisoyi, Member of Parliament in the Lok Sabha, Government of India

RBS 'Earth Guardian' Award

- Ela Foundation, Pune

RBS 'Save The Species' Award

- Aishwarya Maheshwari, Asst Professor, Banda University of Agriculture and Technology
- S. Sathish, Forest Range officer, Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park

RBS 'Inspire' Award

- Jalal Ud Din Baba, Green Activist, Director, Producer – Ultimate Horizons

RBS 'Green Warrior' Award

- Bholu Abrar Khan, Biologist, KNP Eco development committee
- Dimbeshwar Das, Forest Guard, Assam Forest Department



2018

RBS 'Earth Hero' Award (*Felicitation*)

- Dr. Brij Gopal, Professor, Centre for Inland Waters in South Asia

RBS 'Earth Guardian' Award

- Special Task Force (Wildlife), Special Task Force, Wildlife, MP Forest Department

RBS 'Save The Species' Award

- Mr. Peera Ram Bishnoi, Proprietor of Vehicle tyre selling business
- Mr. Devender Singh Chauhan, Range Forest Office, Himachal Pradesh Forest Dept

RBS 'Inspire' Award

- Mr. Abhilash Khandekar, Independent Journalist
- Ms. Rita Banerji, Project Director – Green Hub Project and Director – Dusty Foot Productions

RBS 'Green Warrior' Award

- Mr. Lalit Kumar Bora, Asst. Geo Manager Env., Shree Cement Ltd
- Late Mr. S. Manikandan, Conservator and Field Director, Rajiv Gandhi National Park, Nagarhole

Previous Winners



2017

RBS 'Earth Hero' Award (*Felicitation*)

- Padma Sri Shri Jadav Payeng, 'The Forest Man', Jorhat, Assam

RBS 'Earth Guardian' Award

- Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar

RBS 'Save The Species' Award

- Mr. Atul Deokar, Range Officer, Maharashtra Forest Department
- Mr. Khenrab Phuntsog and Mr. Smanla Tsering – both Forest Guards, Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir

RBS 'Inspire' Award

- Mr. Rohan Chakravarty, Wildlife Cartoonist

RBS 'Green Warrior' Award

- Dr. Shekhar Kumar Niraj, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Tamil Nadu and
- Mr. Chandrakant Naik, Deputy Range Officer, Karnataka Forest Dept – joint winners
- Mr. Ipra Mekola – Wildlife Conservationist, Arunachal Pradesh



2016

RBS 'Earth Hero' Award (*Felicitation*)

- Dr. Karan Singh, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Former Governor of J&K, and Environmentalist

RBS 'Earth Guardian' Award

- Vattakanal Conservation Trust, Tamil Nadu

RBS 'Save The Species' Award

- Ms. Purnima Devi Barman, Conservationist, Assam
- Dr. Vibhu Prakash & Mrs. Nikita Prakash, Conservationist, Chandigarh

RBS 'Inspire' Award

- Dr. Varad Giri, Conservationist, Karnataka

RBS 'Green Warrior' Award

- Shri. Khageshwar Nayak, IFS (Retd.) Madhya Pradesh
- Dr. Amit Mallick, IFS, Field Director – Periyar Tiger Reserve



2015

RBS 'Earth Hero' Award (*Felicitation*)

- Hemendra Singh Panwar, IFS (Retd.), Madhya Pradesh and Founder Director, Wildlife Institute of India

RBS 'Earth Guardian' Award

- Snow Leopard Conservancy – India Trust (SLC – IT), Jammu and Kashmir

RBS 'Save The Species' Award

- Dr. Vidya Athreya, Conservationist
- Mr. R. Sreenivasa Murthy, IFS, Field Director - Panna Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh

RBS 'Inspire' Award

- Mr. Ananda Banerjee, Journalist

RBS 'Green Warrior' Award

- Ms. Prakriti Srivastava, IFS, Kerala, Director (Administration), Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India
- Mr. Ramesh Pratap Singh, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Madhya Pradesh

Previous Winners



2014

RBS 'Earth Hero' Award (Felicitation)

- Dr. Erach Bharucha, Conservation Education, BIVEER, Pune

RBS 'Earth Guardian' Award

- Kenneth Anderson Nature Society, Hosur, Tamil Nadu

RBS 'Save The Species' Award

- Pangti Village Council, Nagaland
- Goutam Narayan, Pygmy Hog Conservation Programme, Assam

RBS 'Inspire' Award

- Dhritimaan Mukherjee, Wildlife and Nature Photographer, West Bengal

RBS 'Green Warrior' Award

- Sujoy Banerjee, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Uttar Pradesh
- P. S. Somashekar, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajasthan

RBS 'Earth Hero' Award (Special Mention)

- Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park



2013

RBS 'Earth Hero' Award (Felicitation)

- Mr. J. J. Dutta, IFS (Retd.) Madhya Pradesh

RBS 'Earth Guardian' Award

- Similipal Tiger Reserve, Odisha
- Indian Coast Guard

RBS 'Save The Species' Award

- D. V. Girish, Conservationist, Karnataka

RBS 'Inspire' Award

- Nirmal Kulkarni, Conservationist, Goa

RBS 'Green Warrior' Award

- Jigmet Takpa, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Jammu and Kashmir
- Jadav Payeng, Conservationist, Assam



2012

RBS 'Earth Hero' Award (Felicitation)

- Dr M. K. Ranjitsinh, IAS (Retd.), Chairman - Wildlife Trust of India; Member – National Board for Wildlife; National Tiger Conservation Authority

RBS 'Earth Guardian' Award

- Wildlife Trust of India (WTI)
- Manglajodi Ecotourism Trust, Odisha

RBS 'Save The Species' Award

- Rangalal Choudhary & Dinesh Kumar Gupta, Rajasthan Forest Department

RBS 'Inspire' Award

- Dr. Rajaram Tripathi, Central Herbal Agro Marketing Foundation of India

RBS 'Green Warrior' Award

- Lalli Agariya, Conservationist, MP
- Nandini Velho, Conservationist, Goa
- Nimesh Ved, Conservationist, Gujarat



2011

RBS 'Earth Hero' Award (Felicitation)

- Shri Chandi Prasad Bhat, Conservationist, Uttarakhand

RBS 'Earth Guardian' Award

- Aaranyak, Assam

RBS 'Save The Species' Award

- Dr K Thulsi Rao, Project Tiger, Nagarjuna Srisaillam Tiger Reserve
- Daulat Singh, Forest Department; Govt. of Rajasthan

RBS 'Inspire' Award

- NDTV

RBS 'Green Warrior' Award

- Nanda Kishore Bhujabal, Conservationist, Odisha