



# Emmy Awards

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## Why in News?

Recently, Comedian **Vir Das** made history as the **first Indian to win an International Emmy Award in the comedy category** for his Netflix show, "Vir Das: Landing on Monday."

- Producer and filmmaker **Ekta Kapoor** became the first Indian woman filmmaker to **win the International Emmy Directorate Award**, which is given to individuals or organizations for outstanding contributions to international television.

## What are the Emmy Awards?

- **About:**
  - The Emmy Awards stand as prestigious accolades for excellence in television and emerging media performances.
    - Unlike the [Oscars](#) and [Golden Globe Awards](#), the Emmys specifically recognize achievements in television.
  - The term "Emmy" has no specific meaning; it serves as the name for the award.
    - Originally intended as "Immy," derived from the image-orthicon camera tube crucial in television's technical development.
  - Modified to "Emmy" for a more "feminine" touch, symbolizing the **"muse of art uplifting the electron of science."**



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- **Inception of the Emmy Awards:**

- Conceived in 1948, the inaugural Emmy Awards ceremony took place on January 25, 1949.
  - Six awards were presented, including recognitions for the Most Outstanding Television Personality and Most Popular Television Program.

▪ **Different Types of Emmy Awards:**

- In addition to the International Emmy Awards, which are specifically for international shows, there are additional categories of Emmys that are commonly recognized as “the Emmys.”

- **Primetime Emmy Awards:**

- Honour television shows produced only in America and aired during primetime.

- **Daytime Emmy Awards:**

- Recognizing outstanding American shows aired during late morning and afternoon.

- **Sports Emmy Awards:**

- Honoring achievements in sports programming.

- **News and Documentary Emmy Awards:**

- Acknowledging excellence in news, documentary, and public affairs programming.

- **Technology and Engineering Emmy Awards:**

- Celebrating advancements in broadcast technology.

- **Regional Emmy Awards:**

- Focusing on regional television markets, covering state-to-state programming, local news, and locally produced shows.

▪ **Awarding Organizations**

- Emmy Awards are presented by three sister organizations, each overseeing specific categories:

- **Television Academy:** Administers the Primetime Emmy Awards.

- **National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences:** Oversees daytime, sports, news, and documentary categories.

- **International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences:** Responsible for International Emmy Awards.