



## President Draupadi Murmu honored Ateli's Manish Saini with National Film Award

### Why In News?

- On October 17, 2023, President Draupadi Murmu presented the National Film Award to Manish Saini, a resident of Mandi Ateli town in Mahendergarh district of Haryana, at the 69th National Film Awards ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

### Key Points:

- President Draupadi Murmu presented awards to the winners of the year 2021 at the 69th National Film Awards ceremony in various categories in New Delhi. He also honoured Waheeda Rehman with the Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award for the year 2021.
- Manish Saini, a resident of Ateli town in Mahendergarh district of Haryana, has been awarded the National Film Award for his Gujarati film 'Gandhi and Company'. This is his second film as a writer and director.
- His film 'Gandhi & Co' is a Gujarati comedy children's film, which tells a story with the backdrop of Gandhian values of honesty and harmony in an entertaining way. The film is a coming-of-age family drama for the family audience.
- It is worth mentioning that Manish Saini is a writer and director, who has been awarded the National Award earlier too. Manish Saini also directed the Gujarati film 'Dhah'. It was also awarded the National Film Award. Apart from this, Manish Saini has also been honored for many films at the international level.
- Manish Saini is originally from Ateli assembly constituency of Haryana. Manish Saini completed his education from National Institute of Design Ahmedabad.



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