

Assamese band wins award



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Rain in Sahara, a band formed in Assam, wins the Gold Medal at 'Indian [Music](#) Video Awards-2017' for their [music](#) video Black Water. The [award](#) function was held in Guwahati on March 18, 2017. The music video is jointly directed by Lain Heringman and Ankan Sunuwar. The musicians behind the song are Sikdar (English rap), Rocky Glock (Hindi rap), Lain (keyboards, western transverse flute and programming), Dipak Sharma (Indian flutes), Amborish, Saikia ([lead](#) guitar), Mihir Phukan (rhythm guitar) and Dishankan Baruah (rhythm guitar).

Tucked away in the Indian corner near the Himalayas bordering Bhutan and China, Rain in Sahara was born in the late [2016](#) in Guwahati, Assam. Driven by a desire to spread positive conscious music with a message along the principles of social justice, equality, freedom and respect, Spanish-American producer and multi-instrumentalist Lain Heringman joined forces with multi-lingual rappers Rocky Glock and Sikdar to create the hip-hop outfit Rain in Sahara.

Fusing a wide range of elements and instrumentation into their hip-hop sound from numerous genres such [as](#) electronica, rock, Latin music and even Indian and western classical music, Rain in Sahara bring their individual struggles and experiences to their music writing about what they see in their daily lives.

Other winners of IMVA-17 include [Krishna](#) Beuraa / Suraj Purohit for Aahe Nila Saila, Gabriella Burnel for Take the Next Step, James And The Butcher for The Invisible Boy, Golden Bloom for Searching for Sunlight, Zoé Simpson for November Under Ashes, Anuragi for Aazadi and Conflict for Mechanism of life. Apart from the Gold, Silver and Bronze medalists, 23 other videos won the 'Special Mention Awards'.

[Music](#) videos from [over](#) 18 countries were received by the organisers for the first [music](#) video award competition organised by Bangalore based

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