



CONTEST GUIDELINES

General

1. **Eligibility:** The Photography Competition is open to all amateur and professional photographers.
2. All entries must be **original contents**, by the participant only. The participant should have copyright to the pictures. Entries that are plagiarized, violate copyright, trademarks, intellectual property, or lifting pics off the internet and claiming as their own will be instantly disqualified.
3. All communication with participants will be through a combination of Email and Mobile. Hence, accurate valid details and checking for regular communication is the participants sole responsibility.
4. In case of minor (under 18) participants, parents or guardians communication details must be provided.
5. The decision of Jury and Judges is final and binding on all participants
6. All entries will need to be submitted before the deadline lapses.
7. As a matter of abundant caution, participants are advised not to wait till the last minute to submit entries. Once the participant submits their entries no changes will be allowed.

Singles

1. An entrant can submit a maximum of 5 photographs (single images) in all categories combined. Entrants should select the category of each image while filling up the form.
2. Every entry should be **captioned within 10 words** . Entries without captions will stand disqualified.
3. **Categories:**
 - a. Open
 - b. Thematic - Coexistence
 - c. Nature & Wildlife
 - d. Architecture & Abstract
4. Staged photographs are permitted.
5. **Image file specifications:**
 - a. File Format: JPEG / JPG ONLY
 - b. Aspect ratio: 3:2, 4:3,
 - c. File Size: 300 DPI, not less than 2 MB and not more than 5 MB each
 - d. At least 2000 pixels at the longest edge, no upper pixel limit.
 - e. Name, signature, water marks, border, company name etc are not to be affixed on the pictures or the captions. Such entries will be disqualified.



6. Post-processing is limited to adjustments in brightness, contrast, highlights, shadows, color correction, conversion to grayscale.
7. Participants may be asked to supply the RAW images (or original images in case of photographs clicked using phones), and failing to do so will lead to immediate disqualification from the contest.
8. **Entry fee:** INR 200 for Indian Nationals and USD 6 for Internationals.
The entry fee is constant irrespective of the number of photos you submit (max of 5). Fees once paid are non-refundable.
9. **Student discount of 50%** will be provided to students across the globe on presenting valid Student ID for the current academic session.

Photo Story

1. An entrant can submit a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 photographs in each category, that is either OPEN or THEMATIC Photo Story.
2. No entries will be accepted without a title and description that will provide an insight into the context associated with the body of work, that is the Photo Story.
3. Individual images of the photo story must be named/captioned such that the chronology of the series is marked.
4. Participants can participate in both categories **separately**. Under one submission, only one category of photo series can be submitted.
5. **Categories:**
 - a. Open
 - b. Thematic - Coexistence
6. Staged photographs are permitted.
7. **Image file specifications:**
 - a. File Format: JPEG / JPG ONLY
 - b. Aspect ratio: 3:2, 4:3,
 - c. File Size: 300 DPI, not less than 2 MB and not more than 5 MB each
 - d. At least 2000 pixels at the longest edge, no upper pixel limit.
 - e. Name, signature, water marks, border, company name etc are not to be affixed on the pictures or the captions. Such entries will be disqualified.
8. **Submission format:**
 - a. File Format: ZIP ONLY
 - b. ZIP file contents:
 - i. Images of the photo story.
 - ii. Text file containing the description of the body of work.
 - c. Zip file name: **<title of the photo story>_<number of photos>.zip**
9. Post-processing is limited to adjustments in brightness, contrast, highlights, shadows, color correction, conversion to grayscale.



10. Participants may be asked to supply the RAW images (or original images in case of photographs clicked using phones), and failing to do so will lead to immediate disqualification from the contest.
11. **Entry fee:** INR 400 for Indian Nationals and USD 12 for Internationals.
The entry fee is constant irrespective of the number of photos you submit under one series (comprising min of 6, max of 12).
Fees once paid are non-refundable.
12. **Student discount of 50%** will be provided to students across the globe on presenting valid Student ID for the current academic session.

Short Film

1. Participants must upload their videos on YouTube or google drive and then submit the link to the videos during registration. It can be uploaded in the unlisted/private mode too.
2. Films may be in any language or have no dialogue at all. All Films must have English subtitles if there are dialogues.
3. No censor certificate is required.
4. Each film must be no longer than 20 minutes. Opening and/or closing credits are not required, but (if added) may be up to an additional 30 seconds in total.
5. Ensure that all content in your film (including footage, music, images, props, etc.) is your own. If you include any copyrighted content, you must be able to provide written permission for its use. Entries containing any unauthorized content will be disqualified without further notice.
6. The entries can be fiction, non fiction, animation or experimental films.
7. The short film must be original and no watermark of any kind should be present.
8. **Entry fee:** INR 500 for Indian Nationals and USD 20 for Internationals.
Fees once paid are non-refundable.
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