

# Photography Contest Rules & Regulations

## Categories

Entries can be submitted in one or more categories.

- Subject(s) 'A' -
- Subject 'B' -

## Eligibility and Rules

- Anyone can participate in this photography contest. Participant must be citizen of Varanasi.
- No age restriction for the categories.
- Photographs taken with DSLR/DSLT cameras, as well as high-resolution mobile phones / tablets will be permitted for the contest and/or exhibition.
- Submission of the photographs will start from Wed, 14 Feb 2024; 12:00 am.
- Final date for entries Sat, 17 Feb 2024 by 11:59 pm.
- Entries must be original work of the contestant.
- Official photographs taken in the line of duty are ineligible for the competition.
- Contestants may submit a maximum of one entry per category.
- Entries deemed unsuitable for judging or exhibition will be withdrawn by the contest officials and returned to the contestant.
- Contest officials may disqualify entries that do not conform to size limits, or not related to the subjects (as required).
- Judges may transfer entries from one category to a category deemed more appropriate, if necessary.
- All entries must be high-resolution digital images.
- Size of the photograph should be 12x18 inches and at least 1,600 pixels wide or tall (if horizontal or vertical image respectively). These high resolution photographs may be black & white or color - JPEG, PDF, or PNG (No RAW or PSD image files accepted).
- Rules of acceptable digital manipulation apply to all photos.

- Contestants are not allowed to digitally alter, remove or change objects in a photograph or add special effect enhancements to photograph.

Note \*\* “Overall Color Enhancement,” Increased Contrast, Overall Lightening or Darkening, and Image Cropping are the only acceptable enhancements for the all categories.

- Be as creative and imaginative as one can be. All photograph must be original, taken by the submitter. No pictures from the internet or other sources will be accepted.

## **Submission of Entries**

- Each entry must be submitted in the official website with high resolution
- Images should also be identified and dated, and include camera-recorded metadata.
- Photographs will NOT be returned.
- The photo must not promote any brand names or trademarks. No watermark or author's name will be permitted on the images.
- The photo must, in its entirety, be a single work of original material taken by the contestant.
- The photo must not contain content that is inappropriate, indecent, obscene hateful, tortuous, defamatory, slanderous or libelous.
- The photo must not contain material that is unlawful, in violation of or contrary to the laws or regulations.
- The selected entries will be exhibited from the 20 Feb, 2024 to 23 Feb, 2024.
- There will be one winner for each subject. All participants will receive a certificate.
- Prize distribution on the 23/24 Feb, 2024.