

ANNOUNCEMENT OF 21<sup>st</sup> NATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST

The 60<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly has declared 2008 as the International Year of Planet Earth. Observance of The Year Of Planet Earth will go a long way in not only in engaging peoples' imaginations but also enhancing their knowledge about our Planet. It will also enable them to use this knowledge to make the earth safer, healthier and wealthier place for our children, grandchildren and their grandchildren. The year will be witness to events organized in observance of this year. The Photo Division Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has also decided to conduct its 21<sup>st</sup> National Photo Contest on the theme "Life and Environment" as its small contribution.

There will be two sections of the Contest; one for black and white photos and the other for colour photos. Participants may send a maximum number of four photographs of sizes between 12x15" to 16x20" to the Director, Photo Division, Soochna Bhavan, C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003. The last date of submission of the entries is 5<sup>th</sup> September 2008. The Division has raised the award money this year. The first prize will now be of Rs. 25,000/-, second prize Rs. 20,000/- and third prize Rs. 15,000/-. The commendation award has also been enhanced to Rs. 5,000/-. The cash award will be accompanied by a plaque and citation. Details of the terms and conditions are available in the website [www.photodivision.gov.in](http://www.photodivision.gov.in).

The Photo Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India is organising its 21<sup>st</sup> National Photo Contest on the theme of:

**"LIFE AND ENVIRONMENT"**

PRIZE	BLACK & WHITE SECTION (MONOCHROME)	COLOUR SECTION
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize (one each)	Rs.25,000/-	Rs.25,000/-
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize(one each)	Rs.20,000/-	Rs.20,000/-
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize (one each)	Rs.15,000/-	Rs.15,000/-
Commendation Award (10 each section)	Rs 5,000/- each	Rs.5,000/- each

**GUIDE LINES AND RULES OF THE NATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST**

1. No Entry Fee/No Entry Form.
2. Competition is open to all excepting the employees of Photo Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
3. Exhibition will have two section-**Black & White Print (Monochrome)** and **Colour Print**.
4. Prints both Black & White (Monochrome) and Colour to be submitted in the size between 15"x12"& 16"x20". Entrants can send maximum number of 4 different photographs for each section. The entry should not be mounted.
5. **Photographs to be submitted in the Black & White (Monochrome) section is to be shot/taken only with the conventional/B&W film. No digital images for this section will be accepted.**
6. No digital manipulation/tampering of original images will be accepted excepting the enhancement of print quality if it is printed in digital lab.
7. Entrants are required to send a CD along with photograph at high resolution at 300 dpi with 2400 pixel.
8. Each Entry should carry author's name, nationality, postal address, telephone nos., e-mail address on the back of the photographs in **BLOCK LETTERS**. Details may also be download/available from the website: [www.photodivision.gov.in](http://www.photodivision.gov.in).
9. Technical details of time and location where picture taken along with Camera used, exposure, film, lens, focal length etc. should be sent along with the entry.
10. A brief of the photograph and bio-data of the photographer not more than 100 words each should be attached with the entry.
11. A certificate that all photographs are work of original nature and taken by the entrant himself/herself on the date & time mentioned is to be enclosed by the entrant.
12. The entries should be superscripted with the word: "**Entries for the 21st National Photo Contest**" to be addressed to the Director, Photo Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Room No.730, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Sochna Bhawan, C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003. **Last date of receipt of entries is 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2008.**
13. Entries received after the closing date will not be entertained.
14. Photo Division will not be responsible for any damage and loss in transit.
15. Prize Distribution ceremony and the exhibition of Award Wining Entries and Selected Photographs for exhibition/will be organized initially in Delhi and later the exhibition in some other important locations will be held.
16. Decision of the judges will be final. Photo Division reserves the right to use the picture selected for exhibition.
17. The prize will be distributed only on receipt of the original award wining negatives/1<sup>st</sup> generation digital images.

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