

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Department of Social Security and
Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2016

Theme: “Persons with Disabilities at their Best”

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It aims to bring attention to the role that Persons with Disabilities play in their homes, work places and communities. Our effort is to create an inclusive society. The Photos should therefore highlight their contributions and capture them positively such as children with disabilities in schools, employees with disabilities in the workplace, and citizens with disabilities in society.

REQUIREMENTS AND COMPETITION RULES

Entry Criteria

- ☐ The contest is open to any photographer, amateur or professional, of Indian National only. Foreign Nationals may also choose to enter their photos for the competition but they will be not considered for award. But, if short-listed, they will be felicitated with citation/certificate.
- ☐ Entry to competition free.
- ☐ Entrant must be over 18 years.
- ☐ Each photographer may submit up to five photos with detail as mentioned below.
- ☐ By submitting the photograph for consideration, the photographer attests that:
 - ☐ Entry is an original photograph.
 - ☐ S/he created the image and owns full copyright to pictures submitted.
 - ☐ Entrant is prepared to certify this attestation on request.
 - ☐ Submitted image has not been published in the past.
 - ☐ Submitted image has not been submitted in past any photo contests.
 - ☐ S/he has obtained all necessary third-party releases.

- ☐ Submissions are in compliance with the legal and copyright laws of his/her country.
- ☐ If your photo(s) is shortlisted, you will be asked to re-submit it in high resolution (300 dpi on A3/A4 size paper). If deemed necessary, an entrant may also be requested to submit the original source files.
- ☐ Submission are made by 23:59 IST, 26th November 2016.

Technical Specifications

- ☐ Pictures taken with any lens are eligible.
- ☐ HDR images and stitched panoramas are NOT eligible.
- ☐ Only minor corrections of the kind stated below are acceptable:
 - ☐ Burning, dodging or color correction.
 - ☐ Hand tinting.
 - ☐ Film or print copies are NOT eligible.

Initial entries

- ☐ In digital format must be: JPEG (.jpg or .jpeg) in portrait or landscape format at:
 - ☐ A resolution of 720 dpi or
 - ☐ 800x600 pixels
 - ☐ Saved as 8 bit RGB with the JPEG image compression option set at quality level 8 (80%) or higher
- ☐ In non-digital format must be: High-quality scans of non-digital photographs.
- ☐ Scans of negatives, transparencies or photo prints are eligible.
- ☐ Each submitted image is 5 MB or less in size.

Resubmission of Shortlisted Entries

- ☐ Highest resolution digital format, or
- ☐ An 8x10 professional photographic print

Conditions of Contest

- ❑ By submitting their images to the contest, entrant indicates that s/he has read the rules and conditions of the contest and accepts the terms listed below:
- ❑ You confirm to the contest organizers that you shot the photo, that you are the rightful owner of the photo, and that you have obtained any necessary third-party releases. The contest organizers reserve the right to request your copy of any personal release, location release or artist release.
- ❑ Photographer retains the copyrights to his/her images, but grants to the Department of SSEPD, without need for attribution, prior permission or additional pay or consideration: the right to use the submitted images royalty-free, world-wide and in perpetuity; the non-exclusive license to copy, display, distribute, reproduce, and create derivative works of the submitted images, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or subsequently developed, for
- ❑ Department of SSEPD and non-profit public information purposes.

- ☐ Department of SSEPD reserves the right to contact photographers to confirm information in the submission form or for any other purpose considered necessary.
- ☐ Department of SSEPD reserves the right to disqualify photographers who: are unable to validate the information submitted on the submission form; tamper with the process; or breach Contest Rules.
- ☐ Photos submitted to the contest will not be returned.
- ☐ Department of SSEPD is not liable for any late, misrouted, lost or damaged entries.
- ☐ Winners are responsible for paying any applicable taxes, fees and all other unspecified costs that accrue to the prize.
- ☐ Department of SSEPD staff, their immediate family members and staff from institutions sponsoring or associated with the contest are not eligible to participate.
- ☐ Department of SSEPD reserves the right to cancel or modify these rules anytime at its sole discretion. Entrants agree to be bound by such changes.
- ☐ Decisions by the judges and Department of SSEPD are final. Entrant agrees to comply with and be bound by the decisions of the panel of judges on all matters associated with the contest, and waives all rights to judicial recourse in case of disputes.
- ☐ Photographers whose contact information has changed during the course of the contest are responsible for notifying the Department of SSEPD.

How to submit the Photo

- ☐ The Department of SSEPD, secretariat will only accept photographs submitted electronically via e-mail.
- ☐ Email: ssepdphotography@mail.com
- ☐ In the email mention the following detail:
 - ☐ Name
 - ☐ Age
 - ☐ Profession
 - ☐ Address
 - ☐ Phone Number
 - ☐ Short description of each photograph submitted
 - ☐ Upload maximum of Five photos.
- ☐ Entrants will be notified by email once their submission has been received.

Judging Criteria

- ☐ Photos will be initially screened for relevance, appropriateness and compliance with the rules by a technical panel of the Department of SSEPD.
- ☐ All entries passed by the screening panel will be submitted to a distinguish panel of experts in the issue and in photography to assess the conceptual and artistic depiction by the pictures of one, some or many ideas on disabilities.

- ❑ The winning entry will be the most visually appealing, original and self-explanatory photo capturing the theme of **“Persons with Disabilities at their Best”** and shall be selected by an expert jury.

Pictures will be assessed for there:

- ❑ Creativity and originality
- ❑ Composition (technical excellence and quality)
- ❑ Artistic merit (wow factor) and
- ❑ Content (relevance)
- ❑ Each picture will be assigned a score by the Expert panel and shortlisted for the final selection. The shortlisted images will go through a second round of scoring by a distinguished panel of judges, whose scores will be averaged to produce a final score. In all cases when there is a tie, the entry with the higher artistic merit score will be deemed the winner. The jury’s decisions will be final and no correspondence will be accepted.

The Judges

- ❑ An expert jury of eminent personalities, including renowned photojournalists and issue- experts, will select the best three photos. The judges will be drawn from the film, photography and disability fields. The names of the judges will be posted only after the closing of the contest.

Awards

- ❑ All winners, including those receiving special mention, will receive a certificate.
- ❑ In addition, a monetary award will be given to the top three winning pictures.
 - 1st prize 25,000 (INR)
 - 2nd prize 15,000 (INR)
 - 3rd prize 10,000 (INR)

Winning pictures will be published on the Department of SSEPD ,Photo Contest web page.

- ❑ Shortlisted pictures and those commended for special mention will be part of a photo exhibition, to be held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, during the first week of December 2016. Actual date will be intimated to contestants later.

Winners will be notify by email.

Timeline

- ❑ **26th November 2016:** Deadline for submission of photos.
- ❑ **Email:** ssepdphotography@mail.com
- ❑ **Helpline:** [18003457150](tel:18003457150)