



8th National photography Award

(GUIDELINES)



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GUIDELINES

I. TITLE

These Guidelines shall be called the 8th NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS Guidelines.

II. AIMS & OBJECTIVES

To promote and present through the medium of photography the various facets of the country such as arts, culture, development, heritage, history, life, people, society and traditions and to encourage the professional and amateur photographers across the country.

III. COMMENCEMENT

The Guidelines shall come into force with immediate effect.

IV. AWARDS

a) **Categories of awards:** The following categories of Awards shall be presented by the Photo Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting:

1) LIFE-TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Life-Time Achievement Award shall be awarded to a renowned professional photographer of the country who has made long and outstanding contribution in the various fields of photography at the national and international level and whose photographic works have contributed to the development of the society.

2) 8th NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS UNDER PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY

- i. Professional Photographer of the Year.
- ii. Special Mention Awards for Professional Photographers.

3) 8th NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS UNDER AMATEUR CATEGORY

- i. Amateur Photographer of the Year.
- ii. Special Mention Awards for Amateur Photographers.

b) Contents of the Awards

a) LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- Cash Prize of Rs.3,00,000
- Special medal, Plaque or Trophy
- A Shawl
- A Citation

b) AWARDS FOR PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY

Professional Photographer of the Year:

- Cash Prize of Rs. 1,00,000
- Special Medal or Plaque
- A Citation

Special Mention Award (Professional)

- Cash Prize of Rs. 50,000 each
- Special Medal or Plaque
- A Citation

c) AWARDS FOR AMATEUR CATEGORY

Amateur Photographer of the Year:

- Cash Prize of Rs. 75,000
- Special Medal or Plaque
- A Citation

Special Mention Awards (Amateur)

- Cash Prize of Rs. 30,000 each
- Special Medal or Plaque
- A Citation

Summary

Sl.No	8 th National Photography Award	Number Of Awards	Prize Money (In Rupees)	Total Prize Money (In Rupees)
1.	Life Time Achievement Award	1	3,00,000/-	3,00,000/-
2.	Professional Photographer of the Year.	1	1,00,000/-	1,00,000/-
3.	Special Mention Award (Professional)	5	50,000/- each	2,50,000/-
4.	Amateur Photographer Of The Year	1	75,000/-	75,000/-
5.	Special Mention Award (Amateur)	5	30,000/- each	1,50,000/-
	Total	13		8,75,000/-

V. CATEGORIES AND DEFINITIONS

a) Definition of Professional photographer:

A person whose main source of livelihood is from photography (working in the capacity of individual photographer or in a Photo Section, Newspapers, News agencies, Studios, teaching photography & communication or individual agencies or working in any form where major source of revenue is through photography)- is considered to be "Professional Photographer".

b) Definition of Amateur photographer:

A Photographer who does photography as a hobby, for creative urge, but her/his major source of revenue should be from some other means is considered as "Amateur Photographer".

VI. THEMES OF COMPETITION

Professional Category: Life and Water

Amateur Category: Cultural Heritage of India

VII. SCHEDULE CALENDAR - 8TH NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

S no.	Details of event	Proposed dates
1.	Last date of submission	31 st December 2019
3.	Short-listing of Images	1 st to 20 th January 2020
4.	Judging Process	20 th to 30 th January 2020
5.	Result/announcement of awards	2 nd week of February 2020
6.	Award ceremony	Last week of February 2020/ as per availability of VVIP

VIII. SUBMISSION RULES

a) Submission of work by the Professional Photographers

Submission of works by the professionals must be based on a content and quality of the specified subject and should be restricted to maximum of *Fifteen Numbers of Entries* as a portfolio to explain and establish the originality of the subject. *Only fresh & unpublished pictures would be considered.* Picture should have been taken during the last TWO YEARS time ending from the date of commencement of the contest for the subject.

b) Submission of work by the Amateur Photographers

Submissions of works by the Amateurs must be based on the specified subject and should be restricted to maximum of *Ten Numbers of Entries*. *Only fresh pictures would be considered.* Picture should have been taken during the last TWO YEARS time ending from the date of commencement of the contest for the subject.

c) Entrant should clearly mention on the top of the envelope participant of 8th National Photography Awards & send them to the address below:

**Director, Photo Division,
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting,
Room No. 710, Soochna Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi – 110003.**

IX. DETAILS OF SELECTION COMMITTEE

- All the Awards shall be recommended by a Selection Committee duly constituted by the Ministry of I&B, Government of India.
- The Committee shall comprise of a Chairman and five members distinguished in the field of Photography or allied arts.

- (c) Chairperson/Members of the Selection Committee will be required to sign a declaration as per Schedule II of these Guidelines respectively before entering the contest or taking up the assignment as Chairman/Member of the Selection Committee, as applies.
- (d) In case of any unforeseen situation/exigency, if the chairman of the constituted committee is unavailable the next senior - most member among the existing jury committee members would serve as chairman.
- (e) The Committee will determine its own work procedure.
- (f) Any person directly or indirectly associated with any of the entries for competition or the competitors shall not be eligible to serve on the Committee.
- (g) A person appointed as Chairman or member of the Committee shall make a declaration in writing in the form given in Schedule II to these guidelines.
- (h) The quorum for the deliberations of the Committee shall be at least 50% of the members of the Committee including the Chairman.
- (i) The Committee shall give its recommendations to the Ministry.
- (j) The Committee shall have the discretion not to recommend awards in any particular category if it is of the opinion that the entries in a particular category are not of the appropriate standard.
- (k) The decision of the Ministry of I&B shall be final and no appeal or correspondence in this regard shall be entertained.

X. GENERAL NORMS FOR 8th NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

1. Contestants will be required to fill & sign a declaration as per Schedule-I and Registration form of these Guidelines respectively before entering the contest.
2. The participants will have to accept Competition Rules, Terms & Conditions.
3. By entering the Competition, the participants agree and acknowledge that Photo Division, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting is permitted to receive personal registration data. All personal information will be used by Photo Division in accordance with its Privacy Policy.
4. There are no entrance fees.
5. Competition is open to the all Indian Photographers, except for the recipients National Photography Awards for previous two years and the officials of Ministry of I&B, who are restricted from participating in the 8th National photography Awards.
6. Contestants can choose any category but participation is restricted to a single category only.
7. Professional & Amateur category entrants must be over 18 years.
8. Photo Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting may purchase selected 200 images from all categories. The purchase of images is not mandatory, it is purely jurisdiction of Director, Photo Division as per selection & quality/standard of work. The purchase price of each image will be Rs. 2000/- only. The participants

will be informed for the selection of image for purchase and consent/agreement of participant will also be taken. The Director, Photo Division reserves the right of selection of one or more picture of participant. The participant whose picture is purchased needs to transfer/agree for copyright/usages of image in favor of Photo Division, Ministry of I&B. The purchased image will be the property of Photo Division.

9. **Entries must be submitted by up to 6.00 PM of the last date 31st December 2019.** The late entries will not be accepted.
10. **The participants can send their images to the Director, Photo Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Room No 710, Sookana Bhawan, C.G.O. complex, Lodhi Road New Delhi-110003.**
11. The participants must submit the entries via their own email ids to the E-Mail ID: photodiv@nic.in (upload limit is up to 2MB size for each image in JPG/JPEG format in e-mail). The participant must mention clearly 8th National Photography Awards and category (Professional or Amateur) in subject of the E-mail. Soft images should be supplemented with the hard copies in 8"x 10" size.
12. The participants must send their images along with duly filled & signed registration form and declaration (Schedule-I). Once the entries are sent through e-mail, they will not be permitted for any replacement/cancellation/addition and change in any case.
13. The Participant must submit self PP size (high resolution) photo along with personnel work profile (150-200 words) while submitting the entries.
14. Photo Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, New Delhi reserves the right to disqualify and remove any entry without assigning any clarification/reason.
15. Photograph submitted by applicant should not contain personally identifiable information about participant or any other person(s)
16. Entry should not contain any infringing, threatening, false, misleading, abusive, harassing, libelous, defamatory, vulgar, obscene, scandalous, inflammatory, pornographic or profane content.
17. Entry should not contain any material that could constitute or encourage conduct which would be considered a criminal offence, give rise to civil liability, or otherwise violate any law.
18. Entry should not infringe upon the copyrights, trademarks, contract rights, or any other intellectual property rights of any third person or entity, or violate any person's right of privacy or publicity, and Entry should not include:
 - i. Trademarks owned by third parties.
 - ii. Copyright material owned by third parties (including movie dialogue or musical compositions).
 - iii. Names, likeness or other characteristics identifying celebrities or other public figures, living or dead.

19. Entries should not contain any commercial content that promotes any product or service.
20. Participants should agree to fully indemnify Photo Division in respect of all royalties, fees and any other monies owing to any person by reason of their breaching any of the foregoing.
 - i. Participant should confirm that each person (if it is not public place) depicted in the Entry has been granted permission to be portrayed as shown. Any costumes, props or other materials used must be rented or borrowed with the permission of the owner, and all other relevant permissions must have been obtained.
 - ii. Any photograph used by Photo Division shall carry a credit line. Any failure to provide such credit line shall not be deemed to be a breach, as long as Photo Division uses its reasonable endeavors to rectify such failure within a reasonable period from the date of notice of such failure.
 - iii. Participants will acknowledge that it is their responsibility for protecting any entry against image misuse by any third party.
 - iv. Photo Division assumes no responsibility for any incorrect, inaccurate or incomplete information, or faulty transmission of entries or caused due hardware, software or network issues. Photo Division assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, corruption, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to alteration of entries. Photo Division is not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer online systems, servers, computer equipment, software, failure of any e-mailed addressed to Photo Division on account of technical problems, human error or traffic congestion on the internet or any website, or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to your or any other person's computer related to or resulting from participation or downloading any materials in the competition. If, for any reason, a contestant's entry cannot be viewed or is not capable of running as planned, including infection by computer virus's bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud or technical failures, Photo Division assumes no responsibility.
21. The entries received would be issued code numbers and the jury would judge the entries on the basis of the code numbers only.
22. Entries will be judged by the duly constituted Selection Committee.
23. The finalists will be notified by email /post. The finalists must submit the original image file (digital/negative) to the Photo Division.
24. All categories entrants must submit High Resolution (in original size) images in RAW/JPG/JPEG format.

25. The winners will be entitled to flight tickets (to and fro economy class) and hotel accommodation for two nights including the Awards night in accordance with the Government of India rules.
26. Winning images in all the categories of awards will be exhibited at the venue of award function, and also displayed on official website of the Division for global promotion of the award winners. The images may be displayed at various venues across the country.

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SCHEDULE- I

Declaration to be submitted by the contestants along with each entry to the 8th National Photography Awards

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that:

1. I have gone through the Guidelines of the 8th National Photography Awards and I will abide by them;
2. I am the sole owner of the photograph submitted by me as the entry to the 8th National Photography Awards and the same is taken by me during the year _____
3. The content of the Photographs submitted as entry is free from any sort of liability/litigation;
4. Photo Division will be free to publish the photograph on its website, newspapers and other medias; and
5. The Photographs submitted to Photo Division as entry to the 8th National Photography Awards will be the property of Photo Division.

Signature:

Name & Address

Place:

Father/Guardian's Name:

Date:

Contact No:

SCHEDULE- II

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(To be filled in by the Members/Chairperson of Selection Committee)

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that:

1. I have seen the complete list of entries of the 8th National Photography Awards made available to me by Photo Division. To the best of my knowledge I am not directly or indirectly associated in any manner nor do I have any financial interest with any of these entries.
2. I am not related either by blood (Sons, Daughters, Maternal/Paternal Uncles/Aunts, First Cousins, Nephews, Nieces, Grand Mothers, Grand Fathers, Parents, Brothers, and Sisters) or marriage to any of those whose work has been entered for selection.
3. I have gone through the Guidelines of the 8th National Photography Awards and I will abide by them.
4. I will keep the deliberations of the Committee confidential.

Signature:

Name and Address:

Contact No:

E-mail ID:

Dated:

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REGISTRATION FORM

- Name of Participant:
- Address :
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City:State:
Pin Code:-
- Contact Number:
- E-mail ID:
- Photographic Honors (if any):
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- Date of Birth:
- Professional/Amateur.....

DETAILS OF PARTICIPATION (Tick the applicable option)

Subject for professional category (Maximum 15 photographs)	Subject for Amateur category (Maximum 10 photographs)
Life and Water	Cultural Heritage of India

A photograph of self (PP size, high resolution) along with their work profile (150-200 words) while submitting the entries.

The same may also be emailed to photodiv@nic.in

Signature

Name of the Participant

Date:-

DETAILS OF ENTIRES SUBMITTED

Name:

E-mail ID:

Contact Number:

SUBJECT: PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY

Life and Water

SUBJECT: AMATEUR CATEGORY

Cultural Heritage of India

Please add the following information with the pictures

- Camera equipment used :
- Lens Focal Length:
- Aperture :
- Shutter Speed :
- ISO Setting :
- Place :
