



INDIA SCIENCE FESTIVAL

SCIENCE IN FOCUS A PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



Science in Focus

A photography contest at ISF 2022, in partnership with National Science Centre, New Delhi.

Photography has emerged as a powerful tool to tell stories of science and simplify scientific ideas and concepts that are difficult to capture through words. Through 'Science in Focus', we are seeking compelling visual stories on the theme of 'everyday science'. Science is not just confined to research labs or classrooms, it's a way to make better sense of the world around us and to help solve our many problems. This competition will allow participants to share their encounters with science in everyday life.

Professional science photographers will be engaged as mentors and judges for the contest. The shortlisted entries will be showcased at an exhibition at the preeminent National Science Centre, New Delhi. There will also be a photography workshop, talks and social media campaign for visitors of the exhibition centred around the many wonders at the National Science Centre. The top 12 photographs will be used to create a calendar for 2022!

Additional information on the competition:

- All entries of this competition will be displayed in a physical public exhibition at National Science Centre in New Delhi, as well as in a virtual exhibition on the ISF website.
- The contest is free to enter, and open to all members of the public. Entries must be submitted by 23rd January 2022, 23:59 PM IST. Submissions will not be accepted once the deadline lapses.
- Images must be taken in 2021 and entries should be based on contest guidelines. Images should be supplied at as high a resolution as possible (for printing up to A1 minimum), suitable for printing in media and an exhibition. Images must be supplied in a clean format (e.g. no text, symbols, and borders). Images should be no larger than 5MB. Photos must be in JPEG format.
- Each participant can submit up to two images. Judging will be based on the single image and not the series of images.
- Each image must be accompanied with the name of contributor(s), title of the image, story behind the image (a brief lay description of the image preferably in the form of a story, of 80-100 words.)
- ISF may run an online rating process whereby members of the public may vote for a favourite photograph.

- Basic editing, including colour enhancement, the use of filters, and cropping is acceptable. Advanced editing used to create illusions, deceptions and/or manipulations, and the adding and removing of significant elements within the frame is prohibited.
- The decision of the Judges, NSC and ISF is final and no negotiation will be entered into with respect to any such decision.
- Photo entries will be stored in the ISF and NSC image database and duly acknowledged if used for organisational or educational purposes.
- Entries containing any infringing, threatening, false, misleading, abusive, harassing, libellous-, defamatory, vulgar, obscene, scandalous, inflammatory, pornographic or profane content shall be automatically disqualified.
- While submitting the photograph, each participant must also submit a signed declaration in PDF formal (template is attached on page 3 of this document).

Timeline:

Last date of Submission: 23rd January 2022

Review and shortlist of entries: 24th to 31st January 2022

Online/Offline Exhibition: February 2022 onwards (to be decided)

Announcement of winners: March 2022

Prizes:

Exciting cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 entries.

FAQs

- Do I need to have to be a professional photographer to participate?
Anyone interested in photography is welcome to enter this contest!
- Do I need to have a professional camera/ equipment to participate?
No, you can use any photography equipment, this includes a DSLR/ Digital camera or a mobile phone.
- Will ISF get the copyright for my photograph?
No, the photographer will retain the copyrights of their entries. ISF will not claim copyright over the photographs.
- Can I submit entries in black and white?
Yes.
- Can I enter a photograph that I have submitted for other competitions?
No.

For any queries, please contact us at info@indiasciencefest.org.

Signed Declaration:

(Kindly attach this document with your submission.)

India Science Fest and National Science Centre-Delhi have the permission to use my photograph (with due credit) for publicity on their social media channels, calendar and website. I have gone through all guidelines and understood them to the best of my abilities.

Signature of Applicant:

Name:

Organization/Institution:

Date: