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THE ADVENT OF WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY IN INDIA

The journey of wedding photography in India mirrors the evolution of photography itself. During the early twentieth century, only affluent families could afford to have weddings photographed, and the images were mostly formal portraits captured with large-format film cameras. By the 1960s and 1970s, portable cameras and flash equipment enabled photographers to document important wedding rituals. The introduction of colour film in the 1980s made wedding albums more vibrant and appealing. The digital revolution of the late 1990s and early 2000s transformed the profession by eliminating film limitations and allowing instant image review and creative editing. Soon, candid photography, photojournalistic storytelling, destination weddings, pre-wedding shoots, and cinematic films redefined expectations. Today, artificial intelligence, drones, mirrorless cameras, and advanced editing tools continue to reshape the industry. Wedding photography in India has evolved from simple documentation into a sophisticated art that preserves emotions, traditions, and family heritage for generations.

VIETNAM PHOTO TOUR – A VISUAL GUIDE

By **VENKATESH B S**

EFIAP/G, GFIP/PT, GMPSA/P, ESFIP, GPU CR5

I had the pleasure of touring the lovely country of Vietnam in April & May this year. This was in combination with the 4th PSA Photo Gathering in Vietnam, held from 23rd - 30th April 2026, which had about 180 delegates from over 20 countries. Being my first visit to Vietnam, I was looking forward to touring the land of Blue Dragon.

Located in South-East Asia, Vietnam is S-shaped with over 3250 kms of coastline, having mountains in northern & western regions, Plateaus, multiple

rivers & fertile Deltas like Red River & Mekong. There are 54 ethnic groups, with majority being Kinh, also called Viet. Our tour covered about 200 kms distance starting from Hanoi to Ninh Binh in the south, and then to Bac Ninh & further to Thai Nguyen in north, and ending back in Hanoi.

On the evening of our arrival at Hanoi, the hotel had arranged for a wonderful musical performance by local artists in traditional dress.



AT HOTEL LOBBY : ARTISTS PLAYING TRADITIONAL VIETNAMESE MUSIC

HANDICRAFTS: Sedge Weaving at Ninh Bahu

Next morning, we travelled to Ninh Bahn, and visited a sedge-weaving factory, having about 200 handicraft workers mostly being women making small & large baskets, stands etc. Sedge is a fiber derived from grass-like wetland plant, used extensively to make products in Vietnam.



HANDICRAFTS: Round baskets making at Kim Son Sedge Weaving factory in Ninh Bahn



PORTRAIT: A Vietnamese factory worker

HERITAGE: Stone Cathedral at Ninh Binh

Next stop was at a Stone Cathedral built in 1875 – 1900, with a mixture of Vietnamese Buddhist pagoda and European Gothic-style architectures. The complex has the main church surrounded by five smaller churches.



HERITAGE: Lady walking to Stone Cathedral at Ninh Binh

ARTISTIC OUTDOORS: Thung Nham

Our next stop being Thung Nham, which is an excellent spot for outdoor activities including bird watching from boats. In addition, models were arranged for pictorial photography.



ARTISTIC OUTDOORS – Portrait at Thung Nham

HERITAGE: Bai Dinh Pagoda Complex

A huge complex consisting of many Buddhist temples with the main being Bai Binh Pagoda. Close by is Bao Thein Stupa, a 13-storied tower of Buddhism, having relics collected from worldwide.



HERITAGE: Bai Dinh Pagoda



PICTORIAL: Five monks walking in Pagoda complex



**Lantern Floating Ceremony at
Bai Dinh Pagoda waters - Circling boats with lamps**

PICTORIAL & STREET Photography in Hanoi:

A few of us did private tour for Pictorial photography in and around Hanoi. In addition, there are some excellent spots for solo street photography.



CREATIVE PORTRAIT – Basket weaver in Hanoi



PICTORIAL – Multi colored incense sticks



**STREET PHOTOGRAPHY –
Lady walking by graffiti in graffiti street, Hanoi**

FIP ELECTIONS 2027-2028

List of Candidates elected unopposed

Greetings from the Office of FIP Elections 2027-28.

I furnish my Report as given below:

1. The captioned Elections were conducted smoothly.
2. Till 30th June 2026, 10 (ten) Candidates had submitted a total of 11 (eleven) Valid Nominations for 9 (nine) Posts. One Candidate had submitted Nominations for 2 (two) Posts.
3. By 31st July 2026, 2 (two) Nominations were withdrawn by the Candidates.
4. Thus, only 9 (nine) Candidates remained for 9 (nine) Posts to be filled.
5. As such all these 9 (nine) Candidates are being declared as “**Elected Unopposed**”.
6. The List of Candidates elected is furnished below:

S. No.	Name of the Candidate Elected Unopposed	Post for which elected
1.	Mr. C. R. Sathyanarayana	President
2.	Ms. Sharmali Das	Vice President
3.	Dr. B. K. Sinha	Hon. Secretary General
4.	Mr. Suman Saha	Treasurer
5.	Ms. Husna Khot	WC LM-Representative
6.	Ms. Sona Beniwal	WC Member
7.	Mr. Debabrata Sarkar	WC Member
8.	Mr. Santosh Kumar Jana	WC Member
9.	Mr. Sushanta Burman	WC Member

I like to profusely congratulate you Dr. Sinha for being elected Unopposed once again.

At the same time, I congratulate all the other Candidates too who have been elected Unopposed.

Wish you all good luck and the very best wishes for the next Term.

Yours truly,

ADIT AGARWALA

FIP Election Officer

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1st August 2026

AFIP and EFIP Distinctions Results – 2026

I am pleased to share that 68 photographers from around the world have been awarded the prestigious AFIP and EFIP distinctions in 2026.

My sincere thanks to Dr. Barun Kumar Sinha, Honorary Secretary General, for his guidance and support; Ms. Durba Mazumdar, Distinctions Committee Member, for assisting applicants and reviewing submissions; and Mr. Suman Saha, FIP Treasurer, for validating application fees and helping ensure a smooth evaluation process.

Heartiest congratulations to all the recipients. Wishing every recipient continued success in their photographic journey.

- Digwas Bellemene, EFIAP/p, EsFIAP, EFIP, EsFIP, EPSA, Hon MoL

AFIP

Abhraneel Chakraborty	Naresh Varikilla
Amit Dey	Padmanabhan R
Dr Aparna Banerjee	Prasanth Kumar Nammalwar
Arijit Dey	Ramya Roy
Arjun Das	Rini Ghosh
Arvind Mani	Rupak Bhattacharjee
Dr Asit Kumar Batabyal	Sanjoy Kumar Dhar
Avishek Thakur	Sayantan Sengupta
Debapriya Sarkar	Shashank Ranjit
Debashish Mukherjee	Siarhei Marozau
Deepanjan Ray	Sidhartha Dey
Gaurav Biswas	Soumyo Goswami
Joy Karmakar	Souren Bose
Koppula Gopal Rao	Subrahmanyam Mudugu
Moumita Mondal	Supriya Ghosh
Musham Laxman	Vishruth C
Naresh Jatotu	

Important Notice

The closing date for GFIP, GFIP Levels, EFIP Levels, and MFIP distinction applications for 2026 has been extended to **30 September 2026**.

The closing date for FIAP distinction applications remains **31 October 2026**.

EFIP

Amit Baran Sen

Aninda Mitra

Anindya Roy Biswas

Arun Kumar Madhan

Astro Mohan

Barun Dey

Bhaskar M R

Deba Prosad Paul

Debarshi Banerjee

Debashis Kumar

Fraser William James Johnstone

Dr Gopal Belokar

Lopamudra Bera

Madhusudhana. SR

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Manotosh Biswas

Naresh Agarwal

Piyali Datta

Pradeep GCM

Pradipta Dasgupta

Punyabrata Barma

Rajarshi Ghosh

Ramaswami GN

Ratnabali Shome

Sanath Kumar

Sankar Nath Chakrabarty

Sankar Sengupta

Sheshadri V

Soma Kundu

Subhasis Karmakar

Suman Bhattacharyya

Suranjan Mukherjee

Susomon Ghosal

Thejas Kilar Rajaram

Thirupattur Venkatakrishna Ramabhadran

Portfolio FIAP Distinction (PFIAP) Results – May 2026



We are pleased to share that the following members achieved success in the Second PFIAP Distinctions Assessment 2026 with their submitted portfolio images. Congratulations to all the awardees!

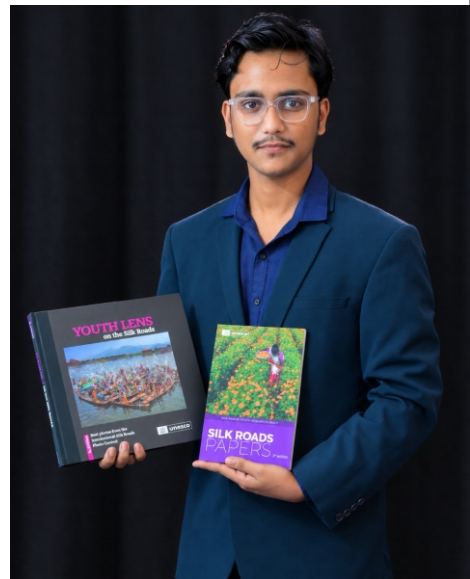
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- Ms. Durba Mazumdar
- Mr. Koshal Basu
- Mr. Phanibhushan Ramasastry
- Mr. Subham Banerjee
- Mr. Sukalpa Sarkar
- Mr. Vinay BV
- Mr. Vivek Joshi



SILK ROADS PAPERS



YOUTH EYES ON THE SILK ROADS



TWO PUBLICATIONS

Congratulations to Mr. Shubhodeep Roy from Kolkata

For reaching a Milestone in his passion for Photography.

Photographs from his Documentary Project
“Varanasi: Celebration of Life and Death”
have been published in two UNESCO publications.

His photograph titled '**Morning Saga**' has been published in
UNESCO's *Silk Roads Papers – 3rd Edition*.

Another of his Photograph '**Embracing the End**' has been published
in UNESCO's *Youth Lens on the Silk Roads – 6th Edition*.

XXXII FIP CONVENTION AT ORCHHA & KHAJURAHO

The Federation of Indian Photography (FIP) cordially invites photographers, visual artists, and photography enthusiasts from across India and abroad to its XXXII Biennial Convention 2026, to be held at the historic town of Orchha on 26–27 November 2026, followed by a special photographic experience at the magnificent temples of Khajuraho on 28–29 November 2026.

This prestigious gathering will bring together leading photographers, salon organizers, judges, educators, and passionate image-makers for an enriching exchange of ideas, learning, creativity, and fellowship. The convention will feature inspiring presentations, exhibitions, networking opportunities, and photographic excursions amidst some of India's most iconic heritage locations.

Set against the timeless architectural splendour of Orchha and the UNESCO World Heritage monuments of Khajuraho, the event promises a unique blend of photography, culture, history, and friendship.

Join us to celebrate the art and spirit of photography at XXXII FIP Convention 2026.

This Convention is different than other FIP conventions as it is for four nights, not for three nights as usual.

The weather in November end will be pleasant and often chilly.

26th November, Thursday 2026: - FIP will welcome the delegates on the 26th November at Orchha at Raj Mahal the Palace which is a luxury resort 2PM onwards with High tea. Once registered the delegates are free to visit the historic town on their own. The town centre is 3.5kms from the resort and three wheelers are easily available. Dinner will be served at 8 PM

27th November, Friday 2026:- Early morning photo session at Chhatris of Bundela Kings and Chaturbhuj Mandir. Two models with ethnic dresses will help your creativity and imagination.

Street breakfast

Return to hotel for Lunch

Afternoon photo session with models at hotel premises.

Puppet show/folk music in the evening

Dinner and Good Night

28th November Saturday 2026:- Early morning visit to the town centre and across river Betwa and Jahangir Mahal. Return to hotel for breakfast and depart for Khajuraho at 10 am for 3 hrs of luxury bus drive (172 kms). FIP will provide battery 3 wheelers for the to and fro journey to the town centre at Orchha.

Check in to A S Hotel, Khajuraho followed by lunch.

2 PM onwards photo session at the Western group of temples of Khajuraho with models and guides to explain the intricacies of the temple.

These temples are at walking distance from our hotel.

Evening Light and Sound program at the Western group of temples.

8.30 Pm Dinner and Good Night

29th November Sunday 2026: - Early morning Photo session at the eastern group of temples and Jain temple with models and guides.

9 am return to hotel for breakfast and revisit the temple.

Back at 11 am to hotel

11.30 AM to 1 PM Presentation by Dr Ashok Kandimalla Chief Guest of the Convention

Lunch at 1 PM

2 PM onwards Visit to temples

4 pm to 6 PM GB Meeting followed by Fellowship banquet dinner.

10 PM Good Night

30th November Monday 2026 - Delegates have free time to visit the Eastern or Western group of temples to unleash their creative imagination till 9 AM.

Breakfast at 9 AM and 10 AM Check out. End of Convention.

Panna is 30 minutes and Satna is 3.5 hrs drive from Khajuraho. Satna is the best place for boarding trains for Kolkata, Gaya, Bhubaneswar, Patna and Bhopal, Kalyan, Thane and Mumbai. You may join for the 2 nights 4 safari tour of Panna Tiger reserve with added tour costs.

30th evening safari from 3 PM

1st December Tuesday Morning and evening safari

2nd December Wednesday Morning safari and check out from resort at lunch time.

CONNECTIVITY

Orchha is 30 minutes by road from Jhansi which is a major Railway junction. It is 5-6 hrs rail journey from Nizamuddin, Delhi. Vande Bharat & Gatiman Express run from Nizamuddin - Jhansi - Khajuraho and return on 6 days a week except on Mondays (Vande Bharat) and takes 8 hrs for the entire journey.

Khajuraho is well connected by air to Delhi and Benaras.

COSTING

The delegate fee is Rs 16000/- per person for valid FIP members and their spouses. Non FIP members the registration fee is 17500/- on twin sharing basis. Valid members of all FIP valid club members supported by membership of respective club and FIP CM card copies

will be treated as FIP members. on twin sharing basis with all meals and a tea maker in all the rooms.

It covers your stay for 4 nights with 3 meals as mentioned in registration, delegate bag, transport between Orchha and Khajuraho by a luxury coach, All entry fees, three wheelers fare when required/ Light and Sound show, services of two professional models and MUA, Props and reflectors and fellowship dinner.

It does not include any of your personal expenses which is not mentioned above, your personal medicines, cigarettes and alcohol, camera charges at the Archaeological Society of India sites. Any thing ordered from your room like tea, coffee snacks and laundry.

The tour cost is from Orchha to Khajuraho.

There is a group discount for ten pax or more, Senior Citizens (65 years or more), genuine disabled persons of Rs 1000/- per person.

The seats are very limited. Please get your seat booked ASAP. All payment to FIP account only.

Single room occupancy is NOT POSSIBLE - SORRY.

Children above 12 yrs. will be treated as adults with separate beds. Children below 12 yrs. will share the parents bed; only meal charges to be payable for them. Rs. 7500/- each child.

Please note that:

The booking amount is Rs. 6,000.00. (In all cases).

To be paid before 31st August, 2026.

After that - registration closes.

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Account Type - Savings; Account Number : 50176190112

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Branch Address - 39, ABHEDANANDA ROAD, KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL

The balance amount Rs. 10,000.00 for general candidates and Rs. 9,000.00 for senior delegates and in special cases, to be paid by 25th October, 2026.

Payable to Saltlake, GD Market Account.

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CANCELLATION POLICY

Before 01.09.2026 - 90% refund.

Before 30.09.2026 - 50% refund

Before 15.10.2026 - 25% refund

No refund after 15.10.2026

All refunds on medical grounds must be supported by valid medical certificates and evidences. Medical refunds are only valid for the registering delegates. The illnesses of unregistered/registered family members and spouse illnesses are not covered under this clause.

All refunds will be made after 15th December 2026.

Train starting from Howrah

12175 Howrah Gwalior Chambal Express

starts from Howrah at 17:45 Wednesday

reaches Jhansi at 15:15 Thursday

Train starting from Patna

11124 Barauni Gwalior Mail

starts from Sonpur at 22:53 Wednesday

reaches Jhansi at 17:05 Thursday

Train starting from Bangalore

22691 KSR Bengaluru Hajrat Nizamuddin Rajdhani Express

starts from Bangaluru at 20:00 Wednesday

reaches Jhansi at 00:16 Friday

Train starting from Mumbai

12137 Punjab Mail

starts from Mumbai at 19:35 Wednesday

reaches Jhansi at 14:15 Thursday

There are several trains from Delhi for those who are coming from Delhi, or flies to Delhi

Train starting from Delhi on Thursdays

12280 Taj Express 06:55 NDLS 7h 0m journey 13:55 VGLJ

12808 Samta Express 07:00 NZM 6h 15m journey 13:15 VGLJ

12050 Gatimaan Express 08:10 NZM 4h 25m journey 12:35 VGLJ

20424 Patalkot Express 11:20 DSJ 6h 25m journey 17:45 VGLJ

Vande Bharat - Nijamuddin-Jhansi-Khajuraho runs daily except on all Monday

RETURN JOURNEY

Train starting from Satna towards Howrah

12322 Mumbai Kolkata Mail

starts from Satna at 16:25 Monday

reaches Howrah at 11:10 Tuesday

Train starting from Satna towards Patna

13202 LTT Mumbai Rajgir Express

starts from Satna at 11:10 Monday

reaches Patna at 23:20 Monday

Train starting from Satna towards Bangalore

12296 Sanghamitra Express

starts from Satna at 04:40 Monday

reaches Bangalore at 16:10 Tuesday

Train starting from Satna towards Mumbai

22178 Mahanagari Express

starts from Satna at 16:10 Monday

reaches Mumbai at 11:40 Tuesday

Khajuraho to Delhi train

11841 Gita Jayanti Express

starts from Khajuraho at 18:35 Monday

reaches New Delhi at 08:45 Tuesday

PLEASE NOTE

1. That early check in is not possible in Orchha Hotel. Usual checkin time is 2pm.
2. Town of Orchha is strictly vegetarian, however Khajuraho is open to all food habits.
3. FIP will provide the contact numbers of the tour operators, the interested delegates may contact them for Railway Station dropping and pickup.

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The delegate booking will only be online on the site of FIP. www.fip.org.in

Online registration of FIP Convention 2026 starts on 12th July 2026

FIP PANNA Wildlife Photo Tour 2026

Date – November 30th – 2nd December (2 Nights / 3 Days)

Total 4 safaris (core Zone)

Tour cost – INR 18,000/- Per person

30th November – We will reach Panna from Khajuraho at 12 PM.

After lunch evening safari (2PM – 6PM)

1st December– Morning (6AM – 11AM) & Evening safari

**2nd December – Morning Safari and after lunch check out
from resort at 12 Noon**

PAYMENT TERMS

Booking amount (Non refundable): INR 8,000/- pp

Within 30th September 2026– INR 10,000/-

SORRY - NO REFUND IS POSSIBLE ON PANNA TOUR

INCLUSIONS	EXCLUSIONS
+ Khajuraho – Panna transport fees	- Liquors / soft drinks / snacks, etc.
+ Park fees & Guide	- Laundry / souvenirs / gifts
+ Twin sharing room	- Medicine / Tips
+ 4 pax in a jeep	- Return journey costs towards
+ All meals	nearest railway station/airport

All Panna resorts are small with 10-12 rooms only.

The delegates will be split in 2-3 resorts of same and equal quality.



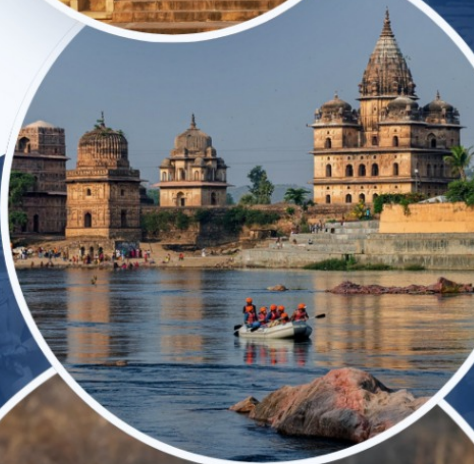
FIP CONVENTION 2026

ORCHHA & KHAJURAHO
Optional Safari at PANNA

Date - November 26th - 30th

HIGHLIGHTS

- Exploration of the architectural splendors of the Rajput Bundela dynasty of Orchha and the Chandela dynasty of Khajuraho
- Professional model shoot outdoors amidst historical backdrops.
- Guidance from experienced mentors at the venue.
- Experiencing the Light & Sound show at the Western Group of Temples of Khajuraho.
- **Star Hotel accommodation**
- Tasting local cuisine at its best.



FEW SEATS ARE AVAILABLE

For details Itinerary Please WhatsApp
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3rd Contest Open



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FIP DIGITAL NATURE QUARTERLY CONTEST – 2026

CONTEST CALENDAR

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1st CONTEST : THEME– **WILDLIFE MAMMALS**
OPENING– 01.02.2026, CLOSING– 28.02.2026
RESULT– 31.03.2026
PUBLISHED IN VIEWFINDER APRIL 2026 ISSUE



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2nd CONTEST : THEME– **BIRDS**
OPENING– 01.05.2026, CLOSING– 31.05.2026
RESULT– 30.06.2026
PUBLISHED IN VIEWFINDER JULY 2026 ISSUE



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3rd CONTEST : THEME– **MACRO**
OPENING– 01.08.2026, CLOSING– 31.08.2026
RESULT– 30.09.2026
PUBLISHED IN VIEWFINDER OCTOBER 2026 ISSUE



4

4th CONTEST : THEME– **NATURAL LANDSCAPES**
OPENING– 01.11.2026, CLOSING– 30.11.2026
RESULT– 31.12.2026
NOTIFICATION– VIEWFINDER JANUARY 2027 ISSUE

**Please make sure that your landscape image has no human made objects
e.g. roads, electrical poles & lines, houses, domestic animal etc.**

**Online submission & Entry fee payment link will be available on the
<https://fip.org.in/fipnature/public/home/welcome/4>**

Panel of Judges :

Adit Agarwala, EFIAP/d1, FRPS, FAPU, EFIP, Hon. FIP, Hon. YPS, GPA.PESGSPC
Sharmali Das, EFIAP/d3, PFIAP, APSA, GMPSA, BPSA, GPU CR.4, MFIP, MFIP(N), EsFIP
Dr. Pramod Govind Shanbhag, EFIAP/d3, Hon. MFIP (N), ARPS, GFIP, GMPSA

Quarterly Nature Contest Skipper :

Venkatesh B S, EFIAP/G, ESFIP, GFIP/Pt, GMPSA/P, GPU CR5, c***MoL, Hon. FAPG
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Organised by FIP

FIP DIGITAL NATURE QUARTERLY CONTEST – 2026

Theme for Quarter 3 : MACRO

Rules and Regulations :

1. This contest is open to both members & non-members of FIP.
2. Kindly submit photos relevant to the THEME of each quarter (Theme for the current Quarter: MACRO). Photos not relevant to the theme will not be considered.
3. No manipulations are allowed. Only cropping and minor global color/ tone corrections is OK as long as it is not selective and final image looks natural.
4. Each entrant is entitled to send a maximum of 4 images.
5. FIP guidelines on Nature Photography as published in Viewfinder magazine is fully applicable
6. Photographs which have already been awarded in the previous quarters' contests are not eligible for this quarters' contest.
7. Kindly upload your images in FIP site: <https://fip.org.in/fipnature/public/home/welcome/4>
8. Please mention the TITLE of each and every photograph. Untitled images will not be placed in the judging. Title can have maximum length of 35 characters & in English.
9. Size and presentation: All works should be sent in jpg, 300 dpi, having the larger side of maximum 1920 pixels in case of horizontal images and 1080 pixels in case of vertical images. File size should not be larger than 2MB.
10. Working committee members of FIP are not eligible to participate in this contest.
11. ENTRY FEE: FIP Member Rs. 200/- and Non FIP Member Rs. 300/-. Entry fee payment can be done in one of the following two methods:
 - * Online Payment via Link: <https://fip.org.in/fipnature/public/home/welcome/4>
 - * By Online Bank Transfer (Cheques not accepted):
Beneficiary Name: Federation of Indian Photography
Bank: Indian Bank, Salt Lake GD Market Branch, Kolkata
Account No: 50381789520
IFS Code: IDIB000S549

Note: For bank transfers, please attach the payment receipt and email to:
E-mail: fipquarterlynaturecontest@gmail.com

Including verification, it generally takes 24 - 48 hours for photos upload button to be enabled.
12. CALENDAR: Contest open from 1st Aug–31st Aug 2026; Results declared by 30th Sep 2026.
13. AWARDS: The Best three entries will be awarded a FIP Medal along with a Certificate of Merit (CM). The Best entrant will also receive a cash award of Rs. 5000/-. In addition, 1 Chairman's choice Certificate & 6 CM's will be awarded.

NEW RULES FOR SALON DISCOUNTS, PATRONAGE AND TENURE OF CM

New regulations concerning participation in

FIP Salons and Circuits effective from January 2025

1. There are no restrictions for individual entries irrespective of FIP membership to Salons/Circuits with FIP Patronage.
2. Only FIP affiliated club members (Valid) can participate as group of members of that particular club.
3. An individual can only participate in Salon/Circuit from one Corporate club. If anyone participates from another Corporate club, he/she have to obtain NOC from the previous club.
4. Member who participates from more than one club will face a salon and distinction embargo for 1 to 5 years with no rights to appeal.
5. Discounts mentioned in FIP SALON APPLICATION FORM will be restricted to corporate club only.
6. All Salon organizers must follow a transparent policy regarding discount to FIP Corporate Clubs. The stated entry fee in the conditions of entry should be uniform for all individual entrants as well as Corporate Clubs.
7. Groups, other than valid FIP corporate clubs will not be entitled for discount.
8. Any Salon/ Circuit organizing club providing discount to groups other than FIP Corporate Club or Individual will not be considered for FIP patronage in future.
9. Organizing clubs have the full liberty to seek patronage from any Indian or Foreign group or organization.
10. FIP patronage will only be considered if FIP is the sole Indian Patronage granting body.
11. To encourage organizers of Print Salon the Salon fee for Prints have been reduced to 50 % of existing fee.
12. To encourage Corporate membership the tenure of all NEW corporate clubs or renewals of existing CMs will be valid for 5 years at the same fee of Rs. 5100/- . Presently it is 3 years only.

New Rules for FIP membership and Patronage for Foreign Clubs.

1. Foreign clubs are welcome to seek FIP patronage and membership.
2. A new Form for membership and Patronage is available on our site.
3. By paying USD 50.00 the foreign club can get a non voting membership for one year and a salon Patronage for 4 sections. For Circuits the fee will be USD 75.00 (three Salons).
4. Medals will be available at an extra payment of USD 10.00 for a single medal with one ribbon including postage.
5. All payment must be paid through PayPal with transaction commission of USD 05.00 per transaction.
6. Salon patronage is not a Right but a privilege for any organizer. FIP can deny patronage without citing any reason.

NEW SALON RECOGNITION FEE STRUCTURE

	OFFLINE JUDGING	ONLINE JUDGING
NATIONAL (DIGITAL)	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 1500/-
INTERNATIONAL (DIGITAL)	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 2500/-
NATIONAL (PRINT)	Rs. 250/-	
INTERNATIONAL (PRINT)	Rs. 750/-	

MEDAL CHARGES PER SECTION

(1 Medal + 4 Ribbons per section is mandatory)

National per section for 1 Medal + 4 Ribbons @ Rs. 1250/-

International per section for 1 Medal + 4 Ribbons @ Rs. 1500/-

MAXIMUM CHARGEABLE ENTRY FEE	NATIONAL	INTERNATIONAL
1. Single Salon for all sections	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 1000/-
2. Two Salon Circuit for all sections	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 1500/-
3. Three Salon Circuit for all sections	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 2000/-

Organizers are free to charge less but not more than the above charges.

CORPORATE MEMBERS to note-

Tenure of CM is three years at a fee of Rs 5100/- only. If a CM renews the membership without any break the renewal fee will be Rs 3500/- only for 3 years. A break of even a single day will mean a new CM membership at Rs 5100/- only for 3 years and a new membership number. If the club wishes to continue with the same old membership number and has defaulted by a single day they will pay Rs 6100/- only and carry on the same membership number.



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE L'ART PHOTOGRAPHIQUE

The International Federation of Photographic Art

INFO 313 / 2025 E

The text provided below must be included in the salon rules of events organized under FIAP patronage which contain a "Nature" section.

The new definition which has been worked out together with officials of respective departments of PSA, takes effect immediately.

FIAP Nature definition

Content Guidelines

Nature photography records all branches of natural history except anthropology and archaeology. This includes all aspects of the physical world, both over water and underwater.

Nature images must convey the truth of the scene. A well-informed person should be able to identify the subject of the image and be satisfied that it has been presented honestly and that no unethical practices have been used to control the subject or capture the image. Images that directly or indirectly show any human activity threatening a living organism's life or welfare are not allowed.

The most important part of a Nature image is the nature story it tells. High technical standards are expected, and the image must look natural.

- Objects created by humans, and evidence of human activity, are allowed in Nature images only when they are a necessary part of the Nature story.
- Photographs of human-created hybrid plants, cultivated plants, feral animals, domesticated animals, human-created hybrid animals, and mounted or preserved zoological specimens are not allowed.
- Photographs made where the scene is natural and the animal is unharmed in a carefully managed environment, such as Zoo, rescue centers, and ethically managed natural environment farms are permitted.
- Attracting or controlling subjects through the use of food or sound for the purpose of photographing them is not allowed. Maintained situations such as provided supplemental food due to hardship caused by weather conditions or other conditions beyond the animal's control, where photography is incidental to the feeding of the animal does not fall under this provision.
- Controlling live subjects by chilling, anaesthetic, or any other method of restricting natural movement for a photograph is not allowed.
- Human-made elements shall be permitted under the following circumstances:
 - a) When they are an integral part of the nature story, such as a songbird singing atop a fence post a manmade object used as nest material, or a weather phenomenon destroying a man-made structure.
 - b) When they are a small but unavoidable part of the scene, such as an unobtrusive footprint or track in the background.
 - c) Scientific tags, collars, and bands are specifically allowed.

When photographing at a zoo, sanctuary, or rehabilitation centre, it would be construed that the photographer ensured that it's properly accredited and conforms to best practices.

Wildlife Photography

In addition to the restrictions on nature photography, to be eligible for any Wildlife award and acceptance, images must meet the following conditions:

- Zoological organisms must be living free and unrestrained in a natural or adopted habitat of their own choosing.
- Images of zoological organisms that have been removed from their natural habitat, are in any form of captivity or are being controlled by humans for the purpose of photography are not allowed.
- Botanical organisms may not be removed from their natural environment for the purpose of photography.
- Images that have been staged for the purpose of photography are not allowed.

Editing Guidelines:

Processing or editing must be limited to making the image look as close to the original scene as possible, except that conversion to grayscale monochrome is allowed.

Allowed editing techniques:

- Cropping, straightening and perspective correction
- Removal or correction of elements added by the camera or lens, such as dust spots, noise, chromatic aberration and lens distortion
- Global and selective adjustments such as brightness, hue, saturation and contrast to restore the appearance of the original scene
- Complete conversion of colour images to grayscale monochrome
- Blending of multiple images of the same subject and combining them in camera or with software (exposure blending or focus stacking)
- Image stitching - combining multiple images with overlapping fields of view that are taken consecutively (panoramas).

Editing techniques that are not allowed:

- Removing, adding to, moving or changing any part of an image, except for cropping and straightening.
- Adding a vignette during processing
- Blurring parts of the image during processing to hide elements in the original scene
- Darkening parts of the image during processing to hide elements in the original scene
- All conversions other than to complete grayscale monochrome
- Conversion of parts of an image to monochrome, or partial toning, desaturation or over-saturation of colour

FIAP Patronage Service

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Director of the FIAP Patronage Service

New FIAP Patronage Regulations

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The new patronage regulations will be mailed out to affiliates soon. Due to some delays in finalizing some of the detail, this document could not be sent earlier in the year, and thus the new regulations will not take effect at the start of 2024 as previously planned. These new regulations will instead become effective for salons/exhibitions which have a closing date AFTER the 30th April 2024.

Some of the changes in the regulations have been implemented as a result of the ongoing collaborative work with the PSA. A new Memorandum of Understanding was recently signed by FIAP and PSA in October that further detailed the agreements being made by both organisations. An article, written by Joanne Stolte, who is both the FIAP Liaison Officer for the USA and the PSA International Partnerships Emissary, can be read in the Events section of this edition of FIAP News.

Here are the major amendments in the new FIAP Patronage regulations:

- a revised FIAP/PSA definition for Nature/Wildlife, that is still being finalised. Set subject definitions are an appendix to the main regulations. This appendix will be published soon.
- applications for new events that only have digital sections, that have not had FIAP Patronage previously, must submit their Patronage application at least 3 months before the event's closing date; if these events have previously been granted Patronage, then they must submit their Patronage application at least 2 months before their closing date;
- applications for any events with print sections must submit their Patronage application at least 4 months before the event's closing date and the salon's entry details and entry process must be available to entrants at least 3 months before the event's closing date; this is in order to give participants sufficient time to send in their works,
- FIAP recommends that organizers do not flood Facebook and other social media sites with marketing posts for their event;
- all judges engaged to judge a salon that is using online judging shall have a minimum of ten (10) days to score images before the award selection meeting;
- For the youth age categories in youth salons the older age category will be for entrants under the age of 25 before the closing date for entries;
- no salon FIAP Patronage fees will be charged for salons exclusively organised for youth and for each of these Youth salons, regardless of the number of sections offered in the Youth Salon; FIAP will also sponsor one set of 3 medals for each of the two age categories in a Youth Salon;

- the “Travel” section will no longer be an option for salons with FIAP Patronage and will be replaced by the option to have a “World in focus” section. The definition for this section is shown below;
- there is a new FIAP/PSA definition for Photojournalism; this is also shown below;
an author may not enter identical or similar photographs into the same salon; in such case the organiser has to filter these images out before the judging;
- each salon participant cannot receive more than one award per section in the same salon.
- awarded medals must either be engraved by the organiser or, at least, provided with a sticker that includes details such as the name of the participant and the title of the picture for which the award was given;
- pictures created by artificial intelligence are not allowed in any salon with FIAP Patronage! All parts of the image have to be photographed by the author who is holding the copyright of all works submitted. Offenders will be sanctioned for life!
one person cannot act more than fifteen times a year as member of a jury in a salon under FIAP patronage;
the text regarding online judging, FIAP INFO 172/2020, has been included in the Patronage Regulations document;
salons with a printed catalogue have previously needed to send a copy to the FIAP President, FIAP General Secretary, the Director of the Ethics Service and the FIAP Patronage Director; in addition to this, the catalogue must also be sent to the FIAP Salon File Department; please mark these parcels as “a gift, no commercial value”;
- in order to minimise the possibility of entrants being charged duties or taxes when receiving a parcel containing the awarded medals, ribbons or trophies, salon organisers are asked to indicate on any postal and customs declaration that the contents are a “Gift of an inscribed award. No commercial value.”; any place on the forms which require a value to be indicated, should be marked as zero (0) commercial value or the minimum possible if a value above zero is a mandatory requirement.
- the acceptance rates have to be limited to a maximum of 30% in each section.;

The New FIAP Definition for “World in Focus”

Just as with travel and tourism pictures, this section encompasses the full range of photographic genres from architecture, culture, events, food, landscape, portraits, etc. A “WORLD IN FOCUS” image expresses the spirit of an era, the essence of a place or of a culture whether it is shown in an authentic scene or whether it is arranged. Digital manipulation to optimize an image in terms of fine tuning of levels and colours is allowed as long as the image looks natural. The same applies for removal of dust or digital noise. Techniques that add, relocate, replace, or remove any element of the original image, except by cropping, are not permitted.

The New FIAP/PSA “Photojournalism Definition”

Photojournalism entries are images with informative content and emotional impact, reflecting the human presence in our world.

Content Guidelines

- The journalistic (story-telling) value of the image should receive priority over pictorial quality.
- Images that misrepresent the truth, such as those from events or activities arranged specifically for photography, or of subjects directed or hired for photography, are not eligible.
- When Human Interest is specified, those images depict a person or persons in an interactive, emotional or unusual situation, excluding sports action.

Editing Guidelines

Processing or editing must be limited to making the image look as close to the original scene as possible.

Allowed editing techniques:

- Cropping, straightening and perspective correction.
- Removal or correction of elements added by the camera or lens, such as dust spots, noise, chromatic aberration and lens distortion.
- Global and selective adjustments such as brightness, hue, saturation and contrast to restore the appearance of the original scene.
- Complete conversion of color images to grayscale monochrome.
- Blending of multiple images of the same subject and combining them in camera or with software (exposure blending or focus stacking);
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Editing techniques that are not allowed:

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- All conversions other than to complete grayscale monochrome.
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ALL SALON ORGANIZERS AND WEBMASTERS TO NOTE

Dear Salon Organizers/Webmasters,

Warm greetings from FIP, Patna, India.

Please be informed that FIAP DOC 033/2021 has been replaced with FIAP DOC 038/2023 E.

The amended undertaking by the entrant to all FIAP Salons will be

“I hereby expressly agree to FIAP document 040/2023 E «Conditions and regulations for FIAP Patronage » and FIAP document « Sanctions 038/2023 E for breaching FIAP regulations and the red list ». I am particularly aware of chapter II « Regulations for International photographic events under FIAP patronage » of FIAP document 040/2023 E, dealing under Section II.2 and II.3 with the FIAP participation rules, the sanctions for breaching FIAP regulations and the red list.”

FIAP documents 040/2023 E and 038/2023 E must be linked to this paragraph so that participants can consult it.

Please amend your Salon documents accordingly and urgently.

Thanks.

All new Salon Patronage Application must be accompanied by the draft of Salon Rules including Salon Fee. No Group can be considered as a club hence groups must not be given any award etc.

It has come to our notice that some Salon organizers are offering far too many PDF CMs. There must be a fair balance between acceptances, Medals and CMs including Ribbons. FIP has issued a new guideline. The Ratio between FIP Medal and CM/Ribbon must be 10 or below. 1 FIP Medal = 10 FIP Ribbon/CM.

**Starting from April 2023
FIP Salons/Circuits can be judged offline/online.
The period for online judging must be 10 days.
FIP/FIAP combined Salons/Circuits will be judged
offline/online as per FIP/FIAP approval.**

APPEAL TO ALL WEBMASTERS REGISTERED WITH FIP AND SALON ORGANIZERS

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

Dear Friends,

FIP is receiving far too many incomplete, wrongly filled up Patronage Forms. Some of the common mistakes are :

1. Genre of theme not mentioned.
2. SDAS details not furnished. If it is a circuit all the participating clubs' SDAS must have been furnished.
3. The current Patronage form is Version VIII available in 2024 issue of Viewfinder.
4. FIP membership status of all the jury members must be filled up.
5. Preliminary round of online judging should be completed within the 1st 10 days.
6. Online link for the Award round must be shared with the Team Salon Saathi. Salon Saathi members participating in the Salon will be relieved of this responsibility.
7. Screen Shots of Zoom/Google Award meeting showing all the Jury members preferably with Chairperson must be sent to Team Salon Saathi.
8. While the Salon organizers are free to fix their entry fees, I see exorbitantly high entry fee being levied by some of the reputed Salon organizers.
9. The Salon Patronage form has been changed. The current one is Version IX and printed in the current issue of Viewfinder. Please make sure that you do not use any other previous versions to avoid unnecessary communications and delays.
10. All Salon organizers are duty bound to have a formal exhibition of the Print/Digital work. They must formally send an invitation to FIP who will delegate a dignitary to represent FIP in the Inaugural function of the Exhibition.



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Space for FIP Office only:

FIP No.:	Date:	Paid:	Amount:
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Secretary General FIP/ Salon Overall Control

Information to be furnished by the Salon Organising Corporate Member:

1. Name of the Salon / Circuit						
2. National / International / Circuit Salon						
3. Postal address of the Organising Club / Association, including Email and Mobile/Landline Phone number						
	Mobile:		Email:			
4. Corporate Membership No. of the Organiser with Expiry date of its Membership *	CM		Expiry Date			
	Corporate Membership No.		DD		MM YYYY	
5. Whether the Mandatory information of SDAS sent for the immediately preceding Salon?	Last SADS	SADS Sent on	Last Catalog	Catalog Sent on	Exhibition Date	Exhibition Venue
6. Sections in the Salon / Circuit?	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	Section 5	Section 6
<i>Enter Theme Name (only if Theme option is selected)</i>						
7. If it is a Circuit, name the Participating Photographic Clubs	Club / Corporate Member				CM No.	Expiry Date
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	6					
8. Salon recognition fee:- National digital Salon with Offline judging Rs. 500/-, Online judging Rs. 1500/-, International Digital Salon:- Offline judging Rs. 1500/-, Online judging Rs. 2500/-, 50% discount on above charges for on Print Salons.	Amount	Date	Transaction No.		Paid by	
<i>Please attach a copy of the transaction receipt or payment proof to the application email</i>						
9. Whether Fee for Mandatory FIP Medal has been paid? (Section-wise: National @ Rs.1250/- & International @ Rs.1500/-)	Amount	Date	Transaction No.		Paid by	
<i>Please attach a copy of the transaction receipt or payment proof to the application email</i>						
10. Required Medals	FIP Medal	0	FIP Ribbon	0		

The Corporate Membership should be valid at least ? If all the Prints, Medals & or Salon Catalogues etc are despatched to the Salon Participants & the FIP / FIAP
We hereby confirm that:

1. We have carefully studied the FIP Regulations for Salon Recognition and declare that we shall in our own interest and also in the interest of the Entrants to our Salon, strictly abide by these Regulations (including Para 9.3).
2. We submit herewith both the Salon Schedule and the Final Entry Form of our Salon.
3. We are aware that in case of any lapse on our part, our Salon Recognition is liable to be cancelled.
4. We agree to send a copy of our Salon Catalogue within a period of one month from the closure of our Exhibition to each of the following FIP Officials: (i) President (ii) Vice President (iii) Secretary General (iv) Treasurer and (v) Working Committee Members (and in case of FIAP Recognised Salon - also to the concerned FIAP Officials as per their Advice / Guidelines).
5. We also agree to send soft copies of the Lists of (a) Awards and (b) Acceptances in M. S. Word / Excel format, within a week after the announcement of our Salon Result to the FIP's Hony. Secretary General and the Chairman Who's Who Division.

Secretary's Signature

Chairperson's Signature

Secretary's Name Name of Corporate Member Mobile No. Email	Chairperson's Name Name of Corporate Member Mobile No. Email
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Please make sure that your Corporate Membership is active till the last Salon responsibility as per your Salon Calendar, if not, please get it renewed.						
Important Dates of the Salon / Circuit (Salon / Circuit Calendar)	Closing		Exhibition			
	Judging		Catalog/Award			
	Result		SADS			
JURY: All the Members of Jury (including Alternate ones) must possess Distinctions from globally renowned Photographic Bodies such as FIP/FIAP/RPS/PSA etc. In case of a Circuit Salon, each leg (of salon) must have a separate set of Judges including an alternate Judge. No person should act as a Jury in two Salons of the same Circuit. I hereby confirm that Email consent has been obtained from the listed jury members with the following statement. I have read and understood the FIP rules and guidelines (July 2022) and I have agreed to follow in spirit and letter in the Salon judging. All your jury members must be either LM/IM (Valid) of FIP.						
Secretary's Signature			Chairperson's Signature			
Patronage or recognitions sought from other bodies	FIAP	PSA	RPS	GPU	APU	Other
IMPORTANT!!! Select Mode of Judging						
Jury Name & Distinctions (FIAP/FIP)	Sections	LM/IM No.	CM Name / No.	City & Country	Email	Mobile No.
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Name of Alternate Juries, if any, must be shared with FIP at the time of patronage application. (Please use separate piece of paper). Alternate Juries can only be used if 1 or more regular jury is not available.						
Secretary's Name			Chairperson's Name			

Complete Postal Address	
Mobile No.	
Email	

Webmaster's Name	
FIP Registered ?	Yes
Mobile No.	
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Website	
Normal Fee	
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Club Discount	

Secretary's Signature



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With reference to your application dated _____ seeking FIP recognition for your National / International Circuit / Salon we have pleasure in granting the Recognition to your Salon.

Please note this recognition is Provisional, and it may be cancelled, if any serious lapse is detected on your part in of the Regulations specified.

Date: _____

For the Federation of Indian Photography Salon Recognition: Overall Control

F. I. P. Recognition Reference No. **FIP/2026/**

(Please quote the FIP Salon Recognition Number on your Entry Form & Catalogue)



FEDERATION OF INDIAN PHOTOGRAPHY

(Uniform Practices Form No. 3) Salon Recognition
9A, Arya Kumar Road, Rajendra Nagar, Patna - 800 016

Regulations for Photographic Associations seeking FIP Recognition

1. Definition:

- 1.1 The Salon should be open to everyone from all the States in India, irrespective of their sex, age and status and in some cases to foreigners as well.

2. Exhibition:

- 2.1 Wherever possible the Salon Committee shall make arrangements with local Art Museums or other equally appropriate Institution which are regularly open to the Public for the display of the exhibits.

3. Jury:

- 3.1 The Jury should consist of either three or five Judges, carefully chosen as being capable of selecting Prints/Digital Images of salon quality.
3.2 All jury members must be either LM/IM (Valid) of FIP.
3.3 Jury members should represent a cross section of photo artists. Salon organising committee members will not participate as an entrant. FIP member clubs, organising a Salon may allow its members to participate in their own Salon provided majority (67%) of the jury members are from outside the club. All jury members from the same club is allowed provided the members of the club are not participating.

(N.B.: An adequate number of Nature workers should be included as the Jury for judging Nature Entries.)
All the Judges must be distinction holders from globally renowned Photographic Bodies such as FIAP, RPS, PSA, FIP etc.

4. Website :

- 4.1 All entries must be invited using a software on a specific website which must be active 3 months before the closing date and one year following the publishing of the results.
4.2 Entries cannot be invited through Emails.
4.3 Webmaster MUST be registered with FIP and a member of FIP.
4.4 Webmasters of a salon can act neither as a jury member or an entrant in that Salon.

5. Number of Entries:

- 5.1 The following maximum number may not be exceeded in any Section:

S. No.	SECTIONS PRINTS (PPD)	CODE	MAXIMUM number
A)	Monochrome (Pictorial) Prints (Large or Small)	MP	4
B)	Colour (Pictorial) Prints (Large or Small)	CP	4
C)	Nature Print	NP	4
D)	Wild Life Print	WLP	4
E)	PJ Print	PJP	4
F)	Photo Travel Print	PTP	4
[DIGITAL / PROJECTED IMAGE]			
G)	Open Monochrome (PIDM)	M	4
H)	Open Color (PID C)	C	4
I)	Nature (ND)	N	4
J)	Wild Life (ND WL)	WL	4
K)	PJ (PJD)	PJ	4
L)	PT (PTD)	PT	4
M)	World in Focus (WIF)	WIF	4
M)	Theme, if any	TH	4

- 5.2 **N.B.:** Salon Organisers /Exhibitors will follow ONLY THIS CODE.
- 6. Presentation of entries for judging:**
- 6.1 All the entries without exception should be presented to the Jury for appraisal.
- 6.2 The room in which judging takes place should be well lighted. (**N.B.:** A reading of 15 to 20 foot candle power is considered adequate.)
- 6.3 The prints should be presented to the Jury in the order of their size (beginning with the smaller ones), so that they will be judged by size groups, at the most suitable viewing distance.
- 6.4 The Digital / Projected Images (PID) should be judged by projection only, assuring good screen brightness, either on a large screen (preferred) or on Laptops to Individual Jury members.
- 6.5 At no time shall an Individual entrant's entries be judged consecutively.
- 6.6 The Jury may examine only the Front view of Prints by holding them in hand for detecting further fineness or defects, if any.
- 7. Decision of the Jury:**
- 7.1 The decision of the Jury, whether numerical rating or otherwise, may be marked on an easily removable sticker on the back of the print.
- 7.2 After the judging is over, the participants should be notified of the Final Result (i.e. Award / Acceptance / Rejection),and if possible along with the individual Entry scores.
- 7.3 The decision of the Jury is final and binding to all. Even organisers cannot question or change the jury's decision, however a score of 1 may have to be explained to the author why it has been disqualified. Therefore the jury members are requested to score 1 only following proper scrutiny including review of RAW or Original JPEG file if in doubt.
- 8. Acceptance Labels:**
- 8.1 Each accepted entry should be awarded a distinctive sticker (label), which may however be NOT AFFIXED TO THEENTRY.
- 9. CATALOGUE AND ENTRY FORM:**
- 9.1 The Salon Organisers shall prepare Salon Catalogue(Printed / PDF / CD as the case may be) listing the Exhibitors & their Entry, strictly in the alphabetical order of their Surname. After the Author's name only the internationally recognised Distinctions such as those of FIAP, RPS, PSA and FIP may be mentioned.
- 9.2 Every entrant should receive an illustrated Catalogue in which the **FIP Message** (given on the last page of this Document) should be prominently published. Printed/PDF Catalogues are in order if that is the only from of Catalogue and mentioned so in the Entry Form.
- 9.3 The fact that the salon has received 'FIP recognition', should be mentioned both in the Catalogue and also on the Entry Form quoting the allotted 'FIP recognition number' along with the FIP emblem. The FIP Message given on the last page of this Document should be prominently printed in the Salon Catalogue.
- 10. Schedule:**
- 10.1 It is essential that the Entry Forms be mailed not later than sixty (60) days before the closing date. The closing date should be boldly marked at the bottom of the first page of the Entry Form.
- 10.2 The total time lapse between the closing date for receipt of entries and the closing date of the exhibition, in no case should exceed 70 days. (Salons scheduled for display / projection in more than one city, may have 15 days more for each additional showing).
- 10.3 The Notification cards shall be emailed / despatched strictly as per the announcement of Salon Schedule.
- 10.4 The posting of the Catalogue to the entrant should be not later than 70 days from the date of Closing for receipt of entries.
- 10.5 The awards won by the exhibitor shall be sent to him not later than the return of his or her entries.
- 11.** The language of the Entry Form, Notification and the Catalogue shall be English, even if regional languages are also used.
- 12. Return of Prints and Slides:**
- 12.1 Whereas the Print entries should be returned in their original packing, however, if it is found to be inadequate to ensure safe return, as a matter of courtesy to the entrant the Organisers should use fresh packing material.
- 12.2 Entries should be returned by '**Registered Post**' only.
- 13. Originality:**
- 13.1 All monochrome work should be the sole, unaided work of the entrant, except mounting.

14. Titles of the Entries:

- 14.1 It should be in English and should not be changed from salon to salon. N.B. Entries with 'No Titles' or with 'Numerical titles' may be rejected and in any case, will NOT be counted for 'Star Rating' or 'Who's who'.

15. General:

A salon Catalogue should be sent separately to the following:

- 15.1 The President - FIP
- 15.2 The Vice President - FIP
- 15.3 The Secretary General - FIP
- 15.4 The Treasurer - FIP
- 15.5 The Secretary, Indian Who's Who Division
- 15.6 The Secretary, Indian Star Rating Division
- 15.7 The Secretary, Salon Control Division
- 15.8 All the Working Committee members

(Their respective addresses are available in every issue of the VIEWFINDER).

(Please Note: It is fully within the competence and jurisdiction of the Secretary General of the F.I.P. to modify these regulations if and when found necessary.)

N.B.: The Salon Organisers may please keep these Regulations in their Records for reference in future.

16. Responsibility of FIP:

- 16.1 The grant of Recognition to any photographic event by the FIP does not imply that it is / will be liable or responsible for any faults or wrongdoings committed, if any, by the organizers towards participants and/or third parties. In such an eventuality the sole responsibility for such a fault shall lie with the Organisers of the Photographic event.

17. Copyright:

- 17.1 FIP shall not bear any responsibility either for copyright infringement of any element (image, audio, video) in the Printed /Digital catalogue or for unlawful/mis-representation of any person or place included or appearing in the submitted works.
18. In accordance with the best International practice, FIP disapproves inclusion of any specific Acceptance rate in the Salon Regulations, which can be defined only after the Judging is over but it should not be more than 30%.(Effective from 30th April 2024)

19. Salon Surveillance

A committee of senior FIP officials and webmasters will keep a close watch on all activities of all salons under FIP patronage. They will contact the organisers through email or cell number. Refusal to cooperate will be noted and scored against the organisers.

Salons in future will be given ranking based on these feedbacks and adherence to salon Calendar, specially posting of SDAS and awards will be very important.

FIP doesn't plan or wish to put road blocks on the path of salon organisers but we also have to look after the interest of all the entrants, the FIP and the FIAP.

- 20. INFO 260/2023 which is FIAP's latest advisory prohibiting "Pictures generated by AI" in Salons under FIAP Patronage.**

This message MUST be printed in the Salon Catalogue



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EFIP Gold (Nature), EFIP Platinum (Nature), MFIP (Nature), Hon. MFIP (Nature), Hon. FIP

GFIP, GFIP/Pratham, GFIP/Uttam, GFIP/Sarvottam

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FIP DEFINITION OF DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS

PID Colour

The subject matter is unrestricted for PID images in separate colour and monochrome section. There may be a theme specified for some PID Salons and the exhibition's definition of the theme should be consulted with the organizer.

In accordance with Para II.8 E of FIAP Document 048/2025 E "Pictures created by artificial intelligence are not allowed in this salon ! All parts of the image have to be photographed by the author who is holding the copyright of all works submitted. Offenders will be sanctioned for life !"

All elements of the image must have been shot by the author. All parts of the image including graphics have to be photographed by the author holding copyright of his submitted works. Use of some filters available on net is permissible.

Same images either colour or mono in two different section of the same Salon will result in disqualification for both the images.

Monochrome Definition:

An image is considered to be Monochrome only if it gives the impression of having no colour (i.e. contains only shades of grey which can include pure black and pure white) OR it gives the impression of being a greyscale image that has been toned in one colour across the entire image. (For example by Sepia, red, gold, etc.)

Nature Photography definition:

Nature Photography is restricted to the use of the photographic process to depict all branches of natural history, except anthropology* and archaeology*, in such a fashion that a well-informed person will be able to identify the subject material and certify its honest presentation. (Suggested*: An example will be helpful to the New Jury).

The story telling value of a photograph must be weighed more than the pictorial quality while maintaining high technical quality.

1. Human elements must not be present, except where those human elements are integral parts of the nature story such as nature subjects, like barn owls or storks, adapted to an environment modified by humans, or where those human elements are in situations depicting natural forces, like hurricanes or tidal waves.
2. Scientific bands, scientific tags or radio collars on wild animals are permissible.
3. Photographs of human created hybrid plants, cultivated plants, feral animals, domestic animals, or mounted specimens are ineligible.

4. Techniques that add, relocate, replace or remove any element of the original image, except by cropping, are not permitted. Conversion to infrared, either by digital technique or by original technique is not allowed. Stitching of two or more image is not permitted.
5. Complete conversion to grey scale Monochrome is allowed but without partial or complete toning.
6. It is perfectly legal to remove dust, flares or digital noise. Minor global colour / tone correction is OK as long as it is not selective and the final image looks natural but not dramatic. Dodge and Burn tool is for you only but use it judiciously. Selective darkening of background is prohibited. Techniques like panning, slow shutter speed or in-exposure zooming are part of your creativity. Use of filters like Polarizers and NDs are ok.
7. Drone Photography in the National Parks of India is illegal except with prior written permission from the concerned authorities. Drone images of Wild animals will be disqualified.
8. Welfare of the subject is extremely important. Use of live bait is totally prohibited. Relocated nest is a big NO NO and jury members should not award Nest images.

Images entered in Nature section meeting the Nature Photography Definition above can have landscapes, geologic formations, weather phenomena, and extant organisms as the primary subject matter. This includes images taken with subjects in controlled conditions, such as zoos, game farms, botanical gardens, aquariums and any enclosure where the subjects are totally dependent on man for food.

Wildlife

Where exhibitions or competitions have a Wildlife Section or are giving a Wildlife Medal the following applies:

Images entered in Wildlife Sections meeting the Nature Photography Definition above are further defined as one or more extant zoological or botanical organisms free and unrestrained in a natural or adopted habitat.

Landscapes, geologic formations, photographs of zoo or game farm animals or of any extant zoological or botanical species taken under controlled conditions are not eligible in Wildlife sections.

Wildlife is not limited to mammals, birds and insects. Marine subjects and botanical subjects (including fungi and algae) taken in the wild are suitable wildlife subjects, as are carcasses of extant species.

NEW POLICY FOR FIP RECOGNIZED SALON ON PTD & WIF SECTION

1. Organisers only seeking FIP approval will be free to chose from PTD and or WIF and acceptances and awards received will be valid for FIP distinctions
2. Organisers seeking FIP and FIAP approval will only get approval for WIF
3. Organisers seeking FIP. FIAP as well as PSA can have approval of both sections but for FIAP only WIF will count.

Photo Travel guideline for FIP:

1. A travel image depicts features of a culture, place or people as found naturally, anywhere in the world.
2. Portraits, close-up shots, and images of groups or objects should contain contextual elements that reflect the surrounding environment or location ensuring that the image doesn't appear staged or artificially arranged.
3. The image should not be a SET UP image and it should not be a directed image.
4. It should not be from a PHOTO WORKSHOP where a troupe dances for the workshop organizer or HORSES are made to run in dust or water or an individual shows his acrobatics on payment of a fee.
5. Many monasteries have religious festivals with dances etc and it is perfectly legal to submit such images though you may have paid an entry fee. Same is true for ballet and other stage shows.
6. Images shot at fairs where the subject is obviously posing for you, with or without payment, is only good for pictorial section. On the other hand a candid image is good for PT section. 28 VIEWFINDER FEBRUARY, 2024
7. Techniques that add, relocate, replace or remove any element of the original image, except by cropping, are not permitted. Conversion to infrared, either by digital technique or by original technique is not allowed. Stitching of two or more image is not permitted.
8. Complete conversion to grey scale Monochrome is allowed but without partial or complete toning.
9. Digital correction of distortion is acceptable.
10. It is perfectly legal to remove dust, flares or digital noise. Minor global colour / tone correction is OK as long as it is not selective and the final image looks natural but not dramatic. Dodge and Burn tool is for you only but use it judiciously. Correction of perspective is perfectly legal. Techniques like panning, slow shutter speed or in exposure zooming are part of your creativity. Filters like Polarizers and NDs are ok but star effect or rainbow filters are illegal.

11. Drone photography is OK as long it is legally permissible in that part of the world. In India use of DJI Mavic Mini model of Drone is perfectly legal, except in areas where Drone Photography is prohibited by the authorities like National Parks etc.
12. Finally, be sensitive to the community or people whom you are shooting. Care for your subjects and care for your fellow photographers as well. If someone doesn't wish to be photographed, please respect the person's feelings and greet her or him with a sweet smile before parting ways.

The New FIAP Definition for “World in Focus”

Just as with travel and tourism pictures, this section encompasses the full range of photographic genres from architecture, culture, events, food, landscape, portraits, etc. A “WORLD IN FOCUS” image expresses the spirit of an era, the essence of a place or of a culture whether it is shown in an **authentic scene or whether it is arranged**. Digital manipulation to optimize an image in terms of fine tuning of levels and colours is allowed as long as the image looks natural. The same applies for removal of dust or digital noise. Techniques that add, relocate, replace, or remove any element of the original image, except by cropping, are not permitted.

Photojournalism Definition:

1. Photojournalism entries should be images with informative content and emotional impact, reflecting the human presence in our world. The journalistic (story-telling) value of the image shall receive priority over pictorial quality. In the interest of credibility, images that misrepresent the truth, such as those from events or activities specifically arranged for photography or of subjects directed or hired for photography, are not eligible.
2. Techniques that add, relocate, replace or remove any element of the original image, except by cropping, are not permitted. The only allowable modifications are removal of dust, scratches or digital noise, restoration of the existing appearance of the original scene, sharpening that is not obvious, and conversion to grey scale monochrome. Derivations, including infrared, are not eligible. All images must look natural.

Human Interest Definition:

Human Interest images depict a person or persons in an interactive, emotional, or unusual situation, excluding recreational or sports action.

Salon Scoring System to be followed by all FIP Salons

Primary and Award rounds

PRIMARY ROUND

1. Score of 1 is reserved only for images which transgress the barrier of the Section in which the image has been entered for or if there is a Water Mark on the image disclosing the ID of the Author even in a remote manner.
2. Score of 2 is marked when a Jury thinks the Image is not worth exhibiting in that Salon.
3. Score of 3 is marked when a jury thinks the image is good for exhibition as long as other jury members concur.
4. Score of 4 is marked when a jury thinks the image is definitely worth exhibiting and may even be considered for Award as well.
5. Score of 5 is marked when a jury recommends the image for Award in no uncertain way.

Jury members are well within their rights to consult among themselves during the primary round. For any suspicious image jury panel is free to ask the author for RAW/JPEG sequence files with a short note explaining the enquiry. If the time is short the Chairman can call the author. Sometimes the author may be traveling therefore the author may take 5 to 10 days for compliance.

AWARD ROUND

In India and FIP we generally follow the system of 16 (5) to 25 marks

1. During the Award round the number of selected images are generally three times the number of Awards. Maximum an Image can score is 75 and generally speaking there is no discussion if only one image has scored the highest mark.
2. In case of a tie-break, the jury members can discuss among themselves and with consensus they have the right to down score / upgrade the marks awarded to an Image to finalize the winner.
3. During the Award round the Images need to be scrutinised carefully for any violations of Salon and Section rules and infringements. Some violations are obvious and immediate actions are taken. For some, it is imperative to ask for the RAW or original serial JPEG files.
4. Till the Award round is over the author's name is not disclosed to anyone.

Role of the Organizer and Web Masters (Web Masters are part of the Organizing team)

1. It is the Organizers Solemn duty to safeguard the interests of the Entrants. Make no mistake, it is an Entrants' show.
2. Non jury members present during any Jury session should never prompt in any way.
3. The judging ambience should be as per the standards mentioned in the rule books. The rooms should be well lighted and standard facilities for men and women jury members should be made available.
4. Separate place for smokers is mandatory and so is regular supply of Soft Drinks/Tea etc.

5. Guests and club members are welcome to watch the scores being marked by the jury members without interfering in any way.
6. The Salon / Circuit Chairperson is the supreme authority and in any case of dispute he or she has the veto power but scores of 2-5 and awards cannot be challenged by the chair.
7. Before commencement of Jury Session, the Chairman shall provide each Jury Member a printed copy of the above scoring Guidelines and inform / remind them to award the Score 1 strictly as per the Guidelines.
8. In any FIP recognised Salon if an author has received a score of 1 on any of his/her Image, the Author may seek a clarification on the same from the Organizers and the latter shall have to provide the clarification in writing to the Author with copy to the FIP.
9. All Salon Organizers can have only 1 (one) 'Chairperson choice award' per Section. This Award MUST be selected from the Images selected in the AWARD ROUND only. This must be clearly mentioned in the Salon Rules.
10. DISCOUNTS are the integral part of Indian Society. All discounts must be clearly mentioned in Salon rules and regulations. FIP Salons provide 30 % discount to all Senior citizens, Female entrants and Disabled and youths as well by default. Group discount is also limited to 30% of the fee. Individual organizers are free to provide more or less discounts BUT it must be clearly mentioned in the Salon rules. Violations will attract sanctions lasting up to 3 years or even more. FIP "Salon Saathi" has a strong network and can smell murky deals easily. Remember, it was FIP which smelt the foul play in MPC Salon 3 years ago and alerted FIAP and PSA.
11. FIP will NEVER ask for your bank statement as we believe it is an infringement of your privacy and rights.
12. Over all Acceptance MUST NOT be more than 30% of total entries received in each section.
13. Any violations of Salon or Section Rules should be promptly referred to FIP with complete evidence.
14. FIP has an active Ethics and Disciplinary Committee in place. I reassure all concerned that this committee is NOT a TLT (Tooth Less Tiger) and we SHALL not hesitate from taking action against any one, if found guilty beyond reasonable doubt.
15. Members of the Organising Committee and Web Masters should NOT be the Jury member.
16. Organising club can have its members as Jury but members of the club cannot participate if more than one Jury members are from the same club.
17. Jury members cannot participate in the same Salon or a Circuit (Any leg of a Circuit).

18. All jury members must have proper qualification and appropriate experience with distinctions and honours from FIP/ FIAP/RPS and PSA
19. FIP (Form 3) is being redesigned to have Section wise names of the Jury members. Nature is the most technical section and hence Nature section MUST have at least two experienced Nature Jury members. Sooner than later, this requirement will change to three as FIP is planning for Accredited Nature Salon Jury members.
20. All potential jury members are here by reminded that they are entitled to be on the jury panel of 15 International FIP/FIAP patronage Salon. They are also entitled to 10 FIP National only patronage Salon.
21. All FIP patronage applications for National Salons must reach the FIP office 3 months before the closing date. For International Salons must apply 6 months (180 days) in advance before the proposed closing date and following Calendar schedule should be followed:
 - 1) Launching of Website 60 days before the Closing date.
 - 2) Jury meet within 15 days of the Closing date.
 - 3) Declaration of Results 15 days from Jury meeting.
 - 4) Individual score cards should be sent to the individual entrant's mailbox within 3-5 days of result.
 - 5) Following the Results the entrants can only request for minor changes in titles and names. Complete change of title or author's name is strictly forbidden, whatever may be the compulsion.
 - 6) SDAS 30 Days from Result.
 - 7) Exhibition and Awards within 70 days of Result.
 - 8) Salon Closure report to FIP within 75 days of the Result. This is not SDAS.
 - 9) Web site, e mail ID and cell numbers of the contacts should be valid for at least one year.
 - 10) Every Salon organizer must publish a catalogue, Printed or PDF, which should be either sent to all entrants or it should be available on Salon's website for atleast 1 year.
 - 11) Web site should have 'STATUS' tab on the front page.
 - 12) Calculation for the best Entrant Award for FIP Salons

Points

Acceptance	1
CM	1
FIP and other patronizing bodies HM	2
Club Bronze Medals	3
Thematic cash Award	4
Bronze Medal by International Patronizing Body	4
Club Silver	4
Silver by International Patronizing Body	5
Club Gold	5
FIP Gold + Other International Patronizing Body Gold	6

GUIDELINES

All potential Salon organizers are hereby requested to send the **SOFT COPY** of the Salon Recognition Form on barunks@hotmail.com only. federationofindianphotography@gmail.com is NOT checked on daily basis.

A Salon held in India is a National Salon as long as it has only FIP recognition. Foreigners may participate but the status will remain National.

All FIP salons from now onwards are open to participation by foreigners. Salons accepting foreign entries will be treated as international for Salon Recognition fee. Already few foreigners have taken our distinctions. For them the acceptance criteria in National Salons is waved off. In the near future this waiver will be withdrawn and will benefit the National Salon Organisers.

FIP recognised photographic courses

FIP is always willing to help the clubs who run photographic courses. Since the clubs earn a decent money it is but logical that FIP gets a fair share of the earnings. FIP is aware that some clubs are indulging in all kind of tricks to avoid paying the full amount due to FIP. I wish to tell such clubs and their worthy officials that **“ your club may become rich by denying few thousand bucks to FIP but believe me FIP will not become poor by your acts ”** and your lost goodwill and credibility will be worth 100 times more the amount for which FIP was taken for a ride.

From April 2020 all new courses registered with FIP will be charged Rs. 10,000.00 as registration fee per batch upto 20 students. If the number of students are more than 20, Rs. 500 per student will be charged.

1) 25 students x Rs. 500.00 = 12,500.

2) 30 students x Rs. 500.00 = 15,000 and so on.

At the end of the course FIP will furnish certificates to all the registered students only. All the certificates will be printed by FIP in a similar design. FIP logo and the corresponding club's logo will be there with two signatures from the club and one from FIP.

Secretary General will NOT pen his signature on any other certificate.

FIP is fully aware that some clubs are using FIP logo on their course certificate illegally. I hope this unethical practice will stop in future.

JURY PRIVILEGE

All potential jury members are hereby reminded that they are entitled to be on the jury panel of 15 International FIP/FIAP patronage Salon. They are also entitled to 10 FIP National only patronage Salon.

GUIDELINES FOR NEW SALON ENTRANTS

Salon Photography is one of the most rewarding form of photography and if followed seriously will lead to almost certain improvement in your photography. But pitfalls are there. With the lightroom, photoshop and other editing tools available so easily that a new comer starts using them for all genre of photography which leads to disciplinary action which is totally preventable.

FIP emphasizes and request all photographers, whether a new comer or a seasoned one to use the editing software with discretion.

Even the slightest manipulation (removing or adding any element) in Nature, Travel, World in Focus and Photojournalism sections are strictly forbidden. Global colour and tone correction, Judicious use of dodge and burn tool is allowed and so is removal of sensor dust and noise. Cropping is your right. Never use clone tool.

In the pictorial sections of colour and monochrome there are no such restrictions.

The bottom line is “you must have the RAW file or Serial JPEG file” before you contemplate to enter your image in a Salon.

Not knowing the rules and regulations is not an excuse.

Follow the above guidelines and enjoy your Salon photography.

Attention

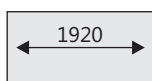
Payment received by FIP : All payment to FIP must be done online only. Our bank details are mentioned on the membership form.

FIP Salon organisers :- Please note that FIP office needs three signatures from Salon Secretary on the form (1st page, 2nd page and the last page for salon fee. Similarly Salon Chairman needs to sign at two place. 1st and 2nd page only. We must know what is the likely Salon fee.

FIP office must receive the hard Copy of Salon Recognition form before it can be processed.

All entrants must possess original RAW/ JPEG files entered. Failure to comply may result in cancellation of entries or worse being Red Listed.

All National and International salon entries must comply with the following file sizes



Maximum horizontal size is 1920 pixels. Maximum vertical size is 1080 pixels in 300 DPI. This has become mandatory from 1st April 2020 in all the FIP recognized Salons. Maximum file size 2 MB.

PRIVILEGE AND RIGHT

FIP wishes to underline that all the facilities provided by FIP like Workshop participation, Salon recognition to clubs and FIP distinctions and honours are a privilege NOT a Right. FIP office can deny any of the above without assigning any reason whatsoever.

All Indian FIP Salon jury members must be a direct member (IM/LM) of FIP.

All new or renewal of FIP membership must be accompanied by copy of a utility bill i.e. Electricity Bill, Telephone Bill, Gas Bill, Vehicle Registration Bill or Voter ID.

Same for the Secretary and President of a Corporate Club.

TO ALL THE WEBMASTERS

Dear friends, Warm greetings from FIP, Patna. You guys are doing a wonderful job as web masters for the salons being conducted under the patronage of FIP. There are certain new rulings which I thought I must share with you.

1. All Web masters must register with FIP by writing a letter to the undersigned with undertaking that they will cooperate with FIP in case of any dispute.
2. All web masters are duty bound to inform the FIP if they found any irregularity in the Salon judging or conduct.
3. The jury panel undertaking the judging must conform to the approved list as per FIP approval.
4. A written statement from all the jury members is mandatory. **"I have read and understood the FIP rules and guidelines (July 2022) and I have agreed to follow it in the letter and spirit in the Salon judging."**
4. All Web masters must cooperate for timely dispatch of SDAS and catalogues.
5. All Web masters must be a FIP member.
6. **All FIP Salon jury members must be a direct member (IM/LM) of FIP.**
6. No organiser is allowed to change the webmaster once the Salon has started.
Web masters are responsible from opening of the Salon till the SDAS. No Web master can be hired on partial basis.
7. **For continuity of information a Salon Must have the same Web master for 3 to 5 years.**
8. The judging platform (soft ware) must remain the same throughout the judging process
9. All entrants must receive their individual scorecards on their respective emails on the day of results simultaneously with the results being posted on the Salon Web site.
10. During the uploading dates entrants' "Status " must be shown on the Salon Web site.
11. All Print Salons MUST accept prints up to 18 " on longer side. Of course 8 x 12 " print can be accepted but larger prints cannot be refused.
12. A grading system for Indian Salons is in the pipe line depending on punctuality, entrant friendliness and discipline .

From the 1st of April 2020

1. Organizers are free to have their own entry fee structure. No more guide lines from FIP.
2. Salon recognition fee has been restructured. Please check the March issue of VF.
3. Mandatory purchase of Medals have been restructured. Please check the April issue of VF.

It has been reported that some webmasters are compressing the image while the file dimension remains 1920 x 1080 to enhance the image opening time. This is highly unethical and wrong. A team of experts from FIP is checking on this and suitable action will be taken against the webmasters who are involved in this.

DISCIPLINE IN FIP

FIP was constituted way back in 1953 with a view to bring more and more photographers under one umbrella to share their expertise, enjoy each other's company and learn from each other.

It has never been our endeavour to stop any person or a group of persons from getting involved in this art form. However, some discipline is important to maintain order in the society and that is why some people's name appear in the Red List.

We have now formalised the norms which will be followed in future

1. Violations of Salon sectional rules and guide lines like adding or removing elements from Travel or Nature or PJ image or use of clone tool : National Salon - 1 year suspension
2. Same offence in an International Salon – 2 years suspension and matter will be reported to FIAP
3. Partial or total copy of other author's image (Plagiarism) in a National Salon or Articles in Viewfinder with or without image without copyright permission – 2 years suspension
4. Same offence in an International salon – 3 years suspension and FIAP will be informed
5. Maligning FIP or any of its Chair publicly or on Social Media – 5 years suspension for any unsubstantiated charges
6. Healthy criticism is always welcome in a socially acceptable language.
7. Anti FIP-- activity 5 to 10 years suspension or dismissal from FIP.
8. Ethics and Disciplinary committee of FIP takes an educated decision on each individual case which is then ratified by the Working Committee .
9. **All major decision of Working Committee and disciplinary actions are discussed and ratified by the Governing Body of FIP as well during the FIP Convention.**

FIP is contemplating online registration of all Salons for FIP Patronage. This will also mean that all SDAS must be downloaded on FIP website. All repeat organizers will only get a FIP patronage number if they have complied with SDAS in past.

- **New born clubs must provide tangible evidence of photographic activities by their members for the first two years to qualify as a Salon organiser in the 3rd year. The following activities will count–**
 - A. Photo outing and workshops with prior intimation to FIP**
 - B. Members' exhibition and competition**
 - C. Members participation in National Salons and POY Contest. Club's participation in the FIP Interclub competition.**

THE CURRENT RED LIST

Individuals who are under suspension

1. All Salon organizers to note that
Ms Mousumi Dutta is restrained from participating in any FIP Salon or distinction program till her case has been fully investigated by FIP/FIAP
2. **Debashis Ganguly - Red listed for life by FIAP (Plagiarism)**

FIP disciplinary committee in consultation with Salon Saathi has resolved to ban for life Foto Art Society along with the Salon Chairman- Mr. Abhijit Dey, 18, Kashi Mitra Ghat Street, Kolkata-700013, 9051092507, fotoartsociety2018@gmail.com and Salon Secretary- Ms Priyanka Das, 9831957343, pdas006113@gmail.com

In future all three will not be able to organize any FIP approved Salon.



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LAKE NAKURU



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- 2 Nights Amboseli
- 1 Night Lake Nakuru
- 5 Nights Masai Mara
- 1 Night Nairobi

Highlights

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- Experience Guide / Driver
- Full Day Safari
- Twin Sharing Room



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3rd - 7th
14th - 17th
24th - 28th

OCTOBER

1st - 5th
8th - 12th
15th - 19th
23rd - 26th

NOVEMBER

4th - 8th
12th - 16th
19th - 23rd
27th - 30th

DECEMBER

3rd - 6th
11th - 14th
17th - 21st
24th - 28th

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 Full day boat safari
- 8 persons in a boat
- AC Accommodation
- Kolkata pick & drop
- Expert Guide



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SALONS

1st PIXELITE INTERNATIONAL SALON 2026

FIP/2026/095 M,C,N & WIF Closes 02.08.2026
Sudip Roychoudhury- 9831062050
ofcoursesudip@gmail.com; <https://pixelitesalon.com/>

PSP NATIONAL DIGITAL SALON 2026

FIP/2026/117 M,C,N & WIF Closes 09.08.2026
Sanjay Vaichal- 9822034103
sanjayvaichal@gmail.com;
<https://thephotographicsocietyofpune.org/>

1st LENScape INTERNATIONAL SALON 2026

FIP/2026/102 C,M,N & WIF Closes 10.08.2026
Pinku Dey- 9836937116
lensreflex2018@gmail.com; <https://lsc.fotoexhibitionpi.com>

2nd ODYSSEY INTERNATIONAL SALON 2026

FIP/2026/110 Closes 10.08.2026
C,M,N & Theme : People and Street
Anubhab Sarkar- 9831973821
m2anubhab@gmail.com; <https://gpfphotos.com/>

DEWAS SALON 2026

FIP/2026/083 M,C,WIF & Theme : People Closes 20.08.2026
Sarabjit Kaur- 9818443535
dewaskalakumbh@gmail.com; <https://kalakumbhdewas.com>

FREEDOM INTERNATIONAL SALON 2026

FIP/2026/114 M,C,N & WIF Closes 20.08.2026
Subhasis Karmakar- 9830665524
subhasisphotography08@gmail.com; freedom.fotosalons.in

PHOTOQUEST 2026

FIP/2026/122 M,C,N & WIF Closes 22.08.2026
Nupur Kumar Roy- 8918226365
lenscript2016@gmail.com; <https://www.lenscript.in>

BEYOND THE LENS INTERNATIONAL SALON 2026

FIP/2026/121 C,M,N & WIF Closes 28.08.2026
Rajib Banerjee- 8910812183
paksalon1@gmail.com; <https://clicknshot.in/>

24th PSI INTERNATIONAL SALON 2026

FIP/2026/112 C,M,N & WIF Closes 29.08.2026
Nitin Pawar- 9819617577
nitinpawar1203@gmail.com; <https://psi.fotosalons.in>

2nd ABODE NATIONAL SALON 2026

FIP/2026/123 Closes 30.08.2026
C,M,N,WIF,PJ & Theme : Portrait
Soham Sarkar- 9038406895
ssarkar.psa@gmail.com; <https://abode.canvasfoto.in>

68th DUM DUM SALON 2026

FIP/2026/084 MP & CP Closes 31.08.2026
Prof Biswatosh Sengupta- 9830874135
biswatoshs@gmail.com; www.padonline.org.in

ARTISTIC INTERNATIONAL SALON 2026

FIP/2026/125 M,C,N & WIF Closes 02.09.2026
Abhishek Jhloriya- 9303029965
abhishekphotographyworld@gmail.com;
<https://artisticphotoclub.in/>

2ND BLUE EARTH CIRCUIT 2026

FIP/2026/079-080-081 M,C,N & WIF Closes 10.09.2026
PMP SALON CLUB - 079; FOCUS GERAARDSBERGEN - 080
PHOTO CLUB WEST - 081
Manashi Chatterjee- 9903552998
chatterjeemanashi43@gmail.com; <https://blueearthcircuit.co.in/>

GLOBAL LENS SALON 2026

FIP/2026/075 M,C,P & WIF Closes 11.09.2026
Amit Vyas- 9784500270
jodhpurorad fame@gmail.com; www.orad fame.com

44th YPS NATIONAL SALON 2026

FIP/2026/126 Closes 20.09.2026
M,C,N,WIF & Theme : Human Emotions
Girish Ananthamurthy- 9449006221
jeechu1970@gmail.com; <https://salon.yps bengaluru.in>

FOTOFLASH SALON 2026

FIP/2026/077 M,C,WIF & Theme: People Closes 22.09.2026
Kanchan Raikwar- 8447250000
jcmcircuits@gmail.com; <https://jcmcircuits.com/>

8th Indian Viewfinder International Digital Salon 2026

FIP/2026/071 C,M,N & WIF Closes 27.09.2026
Dr. B.K. Sinha- 9835021092
barunks@hotmail.com;
federationofindianphotography@gmail.com; <http://www.fip.org.in>

1st GEETANJALI INTERNATIONAL SALON 2026

FIP/2026/108 C,M,N,WIF & PJ Closes 28.09.2026
Manasi Roy- 9830629930
roymanasi@gmail.com; <https://geetanjali.photoexplorist.com/>

16th PHOTOLOVERS CIRCUIT 2026

FIP/2026/118-119-120 C,M,N & WIF Closes 01.10.2026
Photolovers, Indore - 118
M.P. Photography Club, Bhopal - 119
Mahakaleshwar Photographic Society - 120
Sudhir Saxena- 8878844444
photoloversindia@gmail.com; <https://www.photolovers.org>

NEW IMAGE CIRCUIT 2026

FIP/2026/092-093-094 Closes 02.10.2026
M, C, WIF & Theme : People (C)
New Image Club, Itarsi - 092
NBPC, Raiganj - 093
Light Painter's Society, Kolkata - 094
Chitrangad Kumar- 9971444499
clubnewimageitarsi@gmail.com; <https://newimageclub.org/>

KUMBH CIRCUIT 2026

FIP/2026/096-097-098 Closes 19.10.2026
M,C,WIF & Theme : People (C)
Sarabjit Kaur- 9818443535
dewaskalakumbh@gmail.com; <https://kalakumbhdewas.com/>

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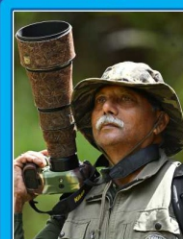
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