



# KUMBH SALON 2022 (DIGITAL)

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Sections - Mono Open (PIDM), Color Open (PIDC), Nature (ND) & Photo Travel (PTD)

**Entry Fee for Entrant –**

**US \$ 12 or equivalent (Rs. 800/- in INR) for all 4 sections**

Remittance Details for Overseas Entrant: Entry Fee would be paid by  
PayPal OR by Swift Transfer

Remittance Details for Indian Entrant: Entry would be paid by  
Online Transaction (NEFT, IMPS etc.)

**Salon Closing Date:- 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Judging Dates: - 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	
Notification Date: - 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2023	EDAS/ SADS: - 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Mailing of Awards – 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Online Exhibition Gallery: - 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 2023
Pdf Exhibition Catalogue on website:- 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	

## Judges Name:

**Chitragad Kumar - India** – FPSA, MPSA, AFIAP, Hon. PESGSPC, GPA. PESGSPC, F.WPAI, A.ICS,

**Zee Kek Heng – Singapore**- GMPSA/B, EFIAP/P, GPU CR5,

**Steven Yee Pui Chung - Hong Kong** – MPSA, EFIAP, ESFIAP

**Award List (For all 4 sections)**

### KALAKUMBH SALON 2022 – AWARDS

PID MONO	PID COLOR	NATURE	PHOTO TRAVEL
PSA GOLD	PSA GOLD	PSA GOLD	PSA GOLD
FIAP GOLD	FIAP GOLD	FIAP GOLD	FIAP GOLD
FIP GOLD	FIP GOLD	FIP GOLD	FIP GOLD
WPAI GOLD	WPAI GOLD	WPAI GOLD	WPAI GOLD
KKPC GOLD	KKPC GOLD	KKPC GOLD	KKPC GOLD
KKPC SILVER	KKPC SILVER	KKPC SILVER	KKPC SILVER
KKPC BRONZE	KKPC BRONZE	KKPC BRONZE	KKPC BRONZE
FIAP RIBBON-2	FIAP RIBBON-2	FIAP RIBBON-2	FIAP RIBBON-2
FIP RIBBON-5	FIP RIBBON-5	FIP RIBBON-5	FIP RIBBON-5
E-CERTIFICATE OF MERIT- 10			
E-HM - 5	E-HM - 5	E-HM - 5	E-HM - 5

**30 Medals, 40 E- Certificate of Merit, 20 E- HM & 20 FIP Ribbons  
FIAP BLUE PIN, BEST INDIAN ENTRANT & BEST CLUB**

“E-Certificates & E-HM will not be surface mailed by exhibition and these will be available through email/online downloads.”

## CATALOG

PDF downloadable from web site by exhibitors.

# SALON RULES & REGULATION

1. This exhibition is open to anyone; however, an entry may be rejected when the Sponsor or the Exhibition Organizers, in their reasonable discretion, believes the entry does not conform to exhibition rules and these Conditions of Entry.
2. The Salon consists of four sections: (a) Monochrome- Open (PIDM) (b) Color - Open (PIDC) (c) Nature (ND) and (d) Photo Travel (PTD).
3. **Image Submission** - The digital images files must be in JPEG format and file size maximum 2 MB.
4. **Image Specification** - 1920 pixels on the horizontal side 1080 pixels vertical side resolution of 300 dpi. Oversized images must be rejected and the entrant required to resubmit their entry with properly sized images.
5. The Judging for this Salon will be **ONLINE**. Notification will be online for this judging. Entries will be judged by Points System. The decision of the panel of judges will be final and binding with no appeal.
6. All entries to be made via our electronic entry system accessible from: <https://kalakumbhdewas.com/> and for result, you can visit it.
7. If Entry fee is not received, the entry will not be judged and the entry will be cancelled.
8. Title of Entry / Image should not exceed 35 letters to facilitate computer listing for catalogue. Use only (A-Z or 0-9) in titles. Each photo can be presented in only one section.
9. All Acceptances of entrants will be shown in the website gallery and one can visit on: <https://kalakumbhdewas.com/>
10. Accepted and Awarded images obtained in PSA, FIAP, WPAI Patronage Circuit / Salon will count towards WPAI Distinction and Honors.
11. The results and Catalogue will be published in pdf format on website: <https://kalakumbhdewas.com/> and the results will be posted via Webmaster to all entrants on their individual mail including score card, Acceptance Certificate and Participation Certificate.
12. Digitally DOWNLOADABLE PDF CERTIFICATES/ HONORABLE MENTIONS. AWARDS (FIAP GOLD, FIP Gold, WPAI Gold, KKPC Gold, KKPC Silver, KKPC Bronze etc.) WILL BE POSTED.
13. An author may win only one award in each section.

**Note: Titles of Digital Images are not read at time of Judging.**

## PSA Condition of Entry

**IMAGE AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** This exhibition is open to anyone; however, an entry may be rejected when the Sponsor or the Exhibition Organizers, in their reasonable discretion, believes the entry does not conform to exhibition rules and these Conditions of Entry. Membership in any photographic organization is not required.

**Sanctions:** Entries will not be accepted from any entrant who is currently sanctioned by PSA. Entry fees are not refundable in these circumstances.

**PSA Star Ratings:** To receive proper Star ratings credit from PSA, entrants must provide their names and country exactly the same in each exhibition. Aliases are not permitted. Please contact PSA in the event of name changes or relocating to another country. Using one's name differently in different exhibition exposes the entrant to the risk that many of their acceptances may not be recognized by PSA Star Ratings.

**Image Creation:** Entries must originate as photographs (image-captures of objects via light sensitivity) made by the entrant on photographic emulsion or acquired digitally.

**Certification:** By virtue of submitting an image, the entrant certifies the work as his or her own. Images may not incorporate elements produced by anyone else (for example: clip art, images or art by others downloaded from the Internet). Aliases are not allowed.

**Reproduction:** The entrant permits the sponsors to reproduce all or part of the entered material free of charge for publication and/or display in media related to the exhibition. This may include low resolution posting on a website. Note: Entrants who indicate that their images may not be reproduced or used "will not be eligible for awards" or inclusion in audio-visuals of the exhibition "and could be subject to disqualification" by the exhibition sponsors. The exhibition assumes no liability of any misuse of copyright

**Alteration and Computer Generation** :- Subject to Divisional restrictions (particularly Nature, Photo Travel, and Photojournalism) images may be altered, either electronically or otherwise, by the maker; adjustments to

enhance images or creatively modify images are allowed providing the underlying photograph is retained in a way that is obvious to the viewer. Images may not be constructed entirely with a computer, and must be the sole work of the author

**Re-use of accepted images:** Any image that has been accepted in this exhibition, past or present, may not be entered again in the same Division Star Ratings Class any future instances of this exhibition. It may, of course, be entered in any other PSA recognised exhibitions but **must always have the same title. Re-titling in another language is not allowed.**

**Entry:** An Entry consists of, up to and including, four (4) images entered by a single entrant into the same Section. An entrant may only enter a specific Section once.

**Titles:** Each image must have a unique title **that is a description of the image**. That unique title must be used for entry of that image or of an identical Image into any and all PSA-Recognized exhibitions. Titles must be 35 characters or fewer. No titles may be visible to the judges, and nothing in the image may identify the maker. Titles may not include file extensions such as .jpg or .jpeg (or any other camera capture filenames such as IMG 471). Titles may not consist of personal identifiers possibly augmented by a number; or include words such as “untitled” or “no title”. Titles may not consist solely of numbers unless those numbers are prominently contained within the image, such as a contestant number in a race.

### **Color and Monochrome:**

Color and Monochrome images from the same capture that share substantial pictorial content in common will be considered the same image and must be given the same title.

The Exhibition will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the PSA and FIAP

An entrant's images will not be presented to the judges consecutively. An entrant's four images will be distributed throughout four rounds of judging in that section. Distribution of images will be in the same round order as submitted by the entrant.

An image may be entered in only one section.

**Judging method:** The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Judging will be done by remote on-line judging.

**There will be an on-line award meeting and all judges will attend.**

- (a) For remote judging: the judges will use color-calibrated monitors.  
(b) In either case that projection equipment or computer monitors will be capable of displaying images at 100% of the image resolution and the images will be displayed at exactly 100% of their resolution (that is, that the images will not be enlarged beyond their native resolution). **Either Laptop or Computer Monitor (whichever will be available with the Judges) will be used for viewing images by the Judges. And the Award selection will be carried out online on Zoom/Google meet and rest all rounds of judging would be completed by jury members individually remotely.**
- Target range:** The target range for acceptances will be within a 6 point range but this is to mention that— “FIAP does not permit acceptance rates higher than 25%”.

**DATA PROTECTION:** By entering this exhibition, you are explicitly consenting to the personal details you have supplied, including email addresses, being held, processed and used by the exhibition organizers for purposes associated with this exhibition. You also explicitly consent to such information being sent to organizations that have accorded official recognition, patronage or accreditation to this exhibition. You acknowledge and accept that entering this exhibition means that the status and results of your entry may be made public.

## **SUBJECT MATTER AND SECTION DEFINITIONS**

### **Statement on Subject Matter applicable to all sections**

The fundamental rule that must be observed at all times and **applies to all sections** offered in exhibitions with FIAP patronage or PSA recognition is that **the welfare of living creatures is more important than any photograph**. This means that practices such as baiting of subjects with a living creature and removal of birds from nests, for the purpose of obtaining a photograph, are highly unethical, and such photographs are not allowed in any exhibition with FIAP patronage or PSA recognition. Under no circumstances may a living creature be placed in a situation where it will be killed, injured or stressed for the purpose of obtaining a photograph. This rule applies regardless of whether or not the creature being killed, injured or stressed is visible in the captured image.

There are also concerns about the use of aerial photography, drones, helicopters, low flying aircraft. These should not cause any interference with other individuals or animals which causes a disturbance in their normal activity or disrupt the way any individuals or animals interact with their environment.

Entry in this exhibition is conditional on accepting these policies. The content of images must comply with these General Conditions and with the Division and Section definitions listed in these conditions. Images that - in the sole opinion of the judges or the Exhibition Organizers - do not comply, will be disqualified so the entrant may be aware of the problem when considering entry into other exhibitions with FIAP patronage/PSA recognition.

Further details on the PSA's drone policy may be found at <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?psa-policies#drone>

### **PSA Monochrome Definition**

An image is considered to be Monochrome only if it gives the impression of having no color (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 color across the entire image. (For example by Sepia, red, gold, etc.) A greyscale or multi-colored image modified or giving the impression of having been modified by partial toning, multi-toning or by the inclusion of spot coloring does not meet the definition of monochrome and shall be classified as a Color Work.

For the purpose of this exhibition, only greyscale images are allowed in monochrome sections. Toned images are not allowed

**Greyscale Monochrome** images may be entered for Nature, Photojournalism and Photo Travel but toned images are not permitted for these sections.

Monochrome images **may not** be entered in PID Color Sections.

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### **Nature sections without any awards for Wildlife**

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#### **PSA / FIAP Nature Definition**

Nature photography records all branches of natural history except anthropology and archaeology. This includes all aspects of the physical world, both animate and inanimate, that have not been made or modified by humans.

Nature images must convey the truth of the scene that was photographed. 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 that threatens the life or welfare of a living organism 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. Adding a vignette or blurring the background during processing is not allowed.

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.

Images taken with subjects under controlled conditions, such as zoos, are allowed.

Controlling live subjects by chilling, anaesthetic or any other method of restricting natural movement for the purpose of a photograph is not allowed.

No modification that changes the truth of a Nature image is allowed. Images may be cropped but no other technique that removes, adds or moves any part of the image is allowed.

Techniques that remove elements added by the camera, such as dust spots, digital noise and lens flare are allowed.

Complete conversion of colour images to greyscale monochrome is allowed. Partial conversion, toning and infrared captures or conversions are not allowed.

Images of the same subject that are combined in-camera or with software by focus stacking or exposure blending are allowed. Multiple images with overlapping fields of view that are taken consecutively and combined in-camera or with software (image stitching) are allowed.

*Attention is drawn to the PSA Statement on Subject Matter which applies to **all** sections*

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## **Borders**

For the purpose of this exhibition any border added to a Nature digital file must be a single border of white or grey, no greater than 3 -5 pixels in width.

## **PSA Photo Travel Definition**

A Photo Travel image expresses the characteristic features or culture of a land as they are found naturally. There are no geographical limitations. Images from events or activities arranged specifically for photography, or of subjects directed or hired for photography are not permitted. Close up pictures of people or objects must include features that provide information about the location.

Techniques that add, relocate, replace or remove any element of the original image, except by cropping, are not permitted. The only allowable adjustments are removal of dust or digital noise, restoration of the appearance of the original scene, and complete conversion to greyscale monochrome. Other derivations, including infrared, are not permitted. All images must look natural.

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## **Vignettes and Borders**

For the purpose of this exhibition vignettes are not allowed in Photo Travel Digital images. Any border added must be a single border of white or grey, no greater than 3 -5 pixels in width.

## **Breaches of Rules**

**FIAP:** The mention that by the sole act of submitting his/her images or files to a salon under FIAP Patronage, the entrant accepts without exception and with no objection the following terms: - that the submitted images can be investigated by FIAP to establish if these obey to FIAP regulations and definitions even if the entrant is not a member of FIAP, - that FIAP will use any means at its disposal for this undertaking, - that any refusal to cooperate with FIAP or any refusal to submit the original files as captured by the camera, or failure to provide sufficient evidence, will be sanctioned by FIAP, - that in case of sanctions following the non-compliance with FIAP regulations, the name of the entrant will be released in any form useful to inform the breaches of the rules. It is recommended to leave the EXIF data in the submitted files intact in order to ease eventual investigations. If, at any time, it is determined in the reasonable discretion of the exhibition organizer or the judges before, during, or after the judging of an exhibition that an entrant has submitted entries where one or more images may fail to comply with these Conditions of Entry, including the stated definitions, the exhibition organizers reserve the right to delete the entry from the exhibition and void any or all acceptances or awards in connection with the exhibition. Fees may be forfeited or refunded in these circumstances. The entrant acknowledges that the decision of the exhibition organizers or the judges is final

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In order to ensure that images comply with the Conditions of Entry and definitions, the exhibition organizers may carry out reasonable measures to verify that:

- a) the images are the original work of the entrant and
- b) the images comply with the rules and definitions as set out in these Conditions of Entry

These steps include, but are not limited to, questioning any entrant, requiring the submission of RAW files or other digital files representing the original capture of the submitted image(s), confronting the entrant with evidence that one or more submitted images fails to comply with the Conditions of Entry (also known as Entry Rules), and offering the entrant a reasonable opportunity to provide counter evidence to refute the exhibition organizer's evidence by a set deadline. Such entries that are not cleared or are still questionable after the entrant has presented evidence may be considered in breach of these Conditions of Entry, and declined. Such entries may be referred to PSA for further investigation of possible ethics violations.

PSA retains the right to investigate in any way all complaints/suspensions of breaches of entry conditions, impose sanctions if deemed necessary, void the acceptances of any image found to violate the PSA rules, include the entrant's name on the list of sanctions provided to Exhibitions, and share such investigations with FIAP. Entrants automatically agree to these terms by the act of entering the Exhibition and agree to cooperate with any investigation.

If another party is submitting images on the entrant's behalf, the entrant will still be held responsible for adhering to these Conditions of Entry (Entry Rules) and will be subject to sanction for any violations to these Conditions of Entry and PSA's Statement of Ethics that may result. If another party is processing images for an entrant or submitting images on the entrant's behalf, the entrant will still be held responsible for adhering to all Conditions of Entry including the specific conditions in the relevant definitions

**FIAP NOTICE:** In order to have legal authority on those who do not respect the rules of FIAP, the organiser must make sure that all participants of an online event under FIAP Patronage tick a box next to which the following text is stated:

"I hereby expressly agree to FIAP document 018/2017 « Conditions and regulations for FIAP Patronage » and FIAP document 017/2017 « Sanctions 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 018/2017, 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 018/2017 and 017/2017 must be linked to this paragraph so that participants can consult it

**PSA NOTICE:** When an entrant fills in the Entry Form to submit an entry the entrant will see a feature to affirm he or she has read these Conditions of Entry when he or she fills out the entry form. If the entrant does not so affirm the entry will not be submitted.

**Disqualification Norms:**

- A) Barred entrants from PSA will not be allowed in this Salon.
- B) Monochrome images may not be entered in PID Color sections.
- C) Color images may not be entered in PID Monochrome sections.
- D) Images which do not adhere to section definition shall be liable to be disqualified.
- E) **Submitted images in Nature and Photo Travel - Any border added must be a single border of white or grey, no greater than 3 -5 pixels in width.**
- F) DQs are for breaches of PSA rules and breaches of definitions, DQd, clear manipulation in ND and PTD definitely DQd.
- G) In case a raw file is requested by the organizer, non-compliance within the stipulated time may result in disqualification of the submitted image.
- H) If two judges DQ then the DQ stands. If only one judge DQs then it must be discussed.
- I) If an image is DQd in one judging of a circuit then it must be DQd in all judgments.
- J) Preferably on the scorecard DQ should be stated with a reason for the DQ.

**T**he sponsors of this International Exhibition of Photography have been awarded Recognition by PSA, the world's largest patron of international photographic exhibitions. PSA, although it has provided recognition, is neither a sponsor nor directly involved in the operation of this exhibition.



Valid acceptances received by PSA Members in recognized sections of this exhibition are eligible for PSA Star Ratings, listing in the world-wide PSA Who's Who of Photography and credited towards the PSA Distinctions of QPSA, PPSA, EPSA, MPSA, MPSA2, GMPSA, GMPSA/B, GMPSA/S, GMPSA/G, and GMPSA/P.

PSA is a non-profit organization promoting the advancement of photography in all its forms to novice, amateur and professional photographers worldwide. For information on membership and the many services and activities of PSA, contact:

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## **FIAP CONDITION OF ENTRY:**

1. The exhibition is open to anyone all over the world; however, an entry may be rejected when the sponsoring organization, in its reasonable reason, believes that the entrant does not conform to the exhibition rules and regulations.

### **NO ALTERNATION IN NATURE, PHOTO TRAVEL**

2. It will be organized under the approved rules and acceptance will count for FIAP, FIP, PSA & WPAI

3. There are no restrictions as to subject matter except as outlined in the rules and definitions of specific sections.

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4. In order to have legal authority on those who do not respect the rules of FIAP, all participants in our event must tick a box next to which the following text is stated:

- The new applicable document now is FIAP DOC 018/2017
- I hereby expressly agree to FIAP agree to FIAP document 018/2017 << Conditions and regulations for FIAP Patronage>> and <<FIAP document 017/2017>><<Sanctions 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 018/2017, dealing under Section 11.2 and 11.3 with the FIAP participation rules, the sanctions for breaching FIAP regulations and the red list.”
- The text FIAP document FIAP DOC 018/2017 must be linked to the attached document
- **IMPORTANT: Participants who do not tick the box must be excluded from the contest. If needed, FIAP can request a report showing that specific participants under investigation have de facto tick that box.**
- “Entries must originate as photographs (image-captures of objects via light sensitivity) made by the entrant on photographic emulsion or acquired digitally. By virtue of submitting an entry, the entrant certifies the work as his own (aliases are not permitted).
- The entrant permits the sponsors to reproduce all or part of the entered material free of charge for publication and/or display in media related to the exhibition. This may include low resolution posting on a website,
- A mixed entry of slides and digital images in the same section are not allowed
- The Jury reserves the right to withhold some awards if the quality of submitted photos is not satisfactory.
- The image size must be maximum 1920 pixels wide and 1080 pixels high, the files must be in JPEG format at 300dpi, File size within 2 MB.
- An entrant's four images will be distributed throughout four rounds of judging in that section.
- All entrants in must provide name and country data exactly the same in each exhibition entered to receive proper credit.
- The Organizer will take all possible care while posting the awards, however we assume no liability for damages or losses during shipment.
- **ENTRIES WILL NOT BE JUDGE WITHOUT ENTRY FEE.**

## **FIAP / FIP DEFINITION OF MONOCHROME:**

A Black and white work fitting from the very dark grey (black) to the very clear grey (white) is a monochrome Work with the various shades of grey. A black and white work toned entirely in a single color will remain a Monochrome work able to stand in the black and white category; such a work can be reproduced in black and white in the catalogue of a salon under FIAP Patronage. On the other hand, a black and white work modified by a partial toning or by the addition of one color becomes a color work (polychrome) to stand in the color category; such a works requires color reproduction in the catalogue of a salon under FIAP Patronage.

## **FIAP / FIP DEFINITION OF COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHY:**

Entries must originate as photographs (image captured of objects via light sensitivity) made by the entrant on photographic emulsion or acquired digitally. Pictures on any subject including creative or experimental Images can be submitted.

Use of Computer-generated graphics is totally restricted excepting Creative thematic section.

All element of the image must have been shot by the author. No part of the image should have been taken from Net or other person's image. Use of some filters available on net is permissible.

**Same images either color or mono in two different sections of the same Salon will result in disqualification for both the images.**

## FIP DEFINITION OF NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY:

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 in eligible.
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 greyscale 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.
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.

## FIP DEFINITION OF PHOTO TRAVEL:

Photo Travel image must express the characteristic features or culture of a land as they are found naturally. There are no geographic limitations. Images from events or activities arranged specifically for photography, or of subjects directed or hired for photography are not appropriate. Close up pictures of people or objects must include features that provide information about the environment. Techniques that add, relocate, replace or remove any element of the original image, except by cropping, are not permitted. The only allowable adjustments are removable of dust or digital noise, restoration of the appearance of the original scene, and complete conversion to grayscale monochrome. Other derivations, including infrared are not permitted. All allowed adjustments must appear natural.

1. A travel image depicts features of a culture, place or people as found naturally, anywhere in the world.
2. Images of individuals or group must show their environment or location.
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 HORSE 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.
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 greyscale Monochrome is allowed but without partial or complete toning.
9. 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.

**10.** 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.

**11.** 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.