

Shooting Stars

Astrophotography

Problem Statement

This is an online Astro-photography contest for all the ShutterBugs out there. Participants have to submit a maximum of 2 entries that they have clicked.

Timeline

- The competition begins on 10 February 2019.
- Participants must submit the images latest on 28 February 2019 by 23:59:59 IST.
- Likes and shares will be counted till 15th March.

Judging Criteria

The photographs will be uploaded on STAC [facebook](#) page and STAC [Instagram](#) channel within a few days of your submission. Judging will be on the following basis:-

- 80% weightage marks will be given by a panel of Judges on the basis of the following factors:-

Concept and technical excellence	20
Composition	35
Exposure and post-processing	25
Overall Impact, Creativity and uniqueness	20

- Remaining 20% weightage will be given to the **Facebook** likes and shares as follows: You will be awarded 1 point for each like and 5 for each share.
 - a) You cannot share the same photo on the same group/page/wall twice.
 - b) Auto likes will not be counted and the entry may be disqualified.A percentile will be taken to calculate the total score out of 20

Each photograph will be judged individually and after adding all the scores top 3 images will be declared the winners of the competition.

Rules and Regulations

- Camera Resolution should be at least 3.2 megapixels.
- In photo editing, global editing, photo-morphing, manipulations, local editing, photo stacking are allowed provided everything used for the manipulations has been clicked by the participant himself/herself. Participants need to submit both the final image (in JPEG or JPG format) and the raw images used to make the final image. In case of stacking participant can send all or 10 images (whichever is lower) taken at different intervals to cover the whole span.
- Participants have to send their entries on the email stac.iitmandi@gmail.com with the subject name as "ShootingStars_<Name of the participant>".
- Also kindly mention your Facebook and Instagram handle in the mail so we can tag you when we upload the photographs. Also include your name, contact number and college/organization.
- Participants have to submit an overall description of the photo (not exceeding 50 words), in .pdf format.
- The photos will be uploaded within a week of submission.
- Any sign of plagiarism will lead to disqualification.
- Any picture submitted which is not relevant to the theme of astrophotography will be disqualified.
- In case of any dispute decision of organizing committee will be final.

In case of any doubt/concern regarding the event, either call the event coordinators or write a mail to stac@students.iitmandi.ac.in or drop a message on this [facebook](#) page.

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