



Shooting Star

The Online Astrophotography Competition.

00:00, April 24, 2021 IST - 23:59, May 10, 2021 IST

Problem Statement:

This is an online astrophotography contest for all the stargazers out there. The contest will run from 24th April 2021 to 10th May 2021. The participants have to submit only one entry (One of the best pictures) that they have clicked. The entries will be posted on our Facebook page and Instagram. The likes and shares of the entries till 13th May will be counted. Participants will be required to send their submissions to [Shooting Star\(link\)](#). The photographs will be judged both on the technical aspects and their popularity on social media.

Timeline and Submission

- This is an online astrophotography contest. It begins on 24th April, 2021.
- Participants must submit the images latest by 23:59 hrs IST, 10th May, 2021.
- The likes and shares up until 23:59 hrs IST, 13th May, 2021, will be considered.
- The results will be announced on 16th May, 2021, during the closing ceremony.
- The results will also be displayed on the website astrax.in

Judging Criteria:

The photographs will be uploaded on STAC's Facebook page and STAC's Instagram within a few days of your submission. 80% of the total points will be decided by the judges according to the following factors with given weightage:

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| • Concept and technical excellence | 20% |
| • Composition | 25% |
| • Exposure and post-processing | 15% |
| • Overall Impact, Creativity and uniqueness | 20% |

Remaining 20% weightage will be given to the Instagram likes, Facebook reacts and shares.

Here's the **marking scheme**(applicable only to **Original Astrax Post**):

- 1 point** for each like on Instagram.
- 1 point** for each like on Facebook.
- 2 points** for each wow react on Facebook.
- 3 points** for each love reaction on Facebook.
- 5 points** for each share on Facebook. (sharing of original post only)

Please note that,

- Auto likes will not be taken into consideration and the entry may be disqualified.
- You cannot share the same photo on the same group/page/wall twice
- A percentile will be taken to calculate the **total score out of 20**.

Rules and Regulations:

- Camera Resolution should be at least 3.2 megapixels.
- The images must be clicked between 20th April 2021 and 10th May 2021.
- In photo editing, global editing, photo-morphing, 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 participants can send all or 10 images (whichever is lower) taken at different intervals to cover the whole span.
- Participants have to send their entries to [Shooting Star \(link\)](#) .
- You have to mention your Facebook and Instagram handles in the form so we can tag you when we upload the photographs.
- Participants have to submit an overall description of the photo (not exceeding 50 words),

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, the decision of the organizing committee will be final.

In case of any doubt/concern regarding the event, either call the coordinator or write an email to all@astrax.in

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