

# Astrophotography

## 1. Organizers:

The Astrophotography Competition is organized by The Astronomy Club, IIT(BHU), Varanasi under TECHNEX '20.

## 2. Event Structure:

This event consists of two online rounds.

### ›Qualification round (First round)

Participants have to send their fully processed photo of a star trail or moon along with the raw file.

### ›Final round (second round)

Participants have to send their astrophotography entries (maximum 3).

**All the entries must be submitted through the following mail address**

info.astronomyclub@gmail.com

## 3. How to Enter:

Participants have to register on the technex website (<https://www.technex.in>) and send their entries to the email mentioned above. Any further information will be notified to the participants by email.

## 4. Submitting and Eligibility:

a) Entrants must belong to the age-group of 12-28 years.

b) Entrants may submit up to three separate entries to the Astrophotography Competition.

c) By submitting an entry, each entrant agrees to the competition Rules, and warrants that they have secured the permission of the copyright owner (if not themselves) to enter the image into the competition and confirm(s) that the photo:

I. Was taken and processed by you, or by a group of which you are an active participant.

II. Does not infringe the copyright or any other rights of any third party.

d) Digitally enhanced, composites are eligible for entry to the competition, but original(raw) Photos must be attached with the entry. Details about your processing method will be asked if your photo is shortlisted for a prize.

## 5. Shortlisted entries:

If your photo is shortlisted, we will contact you via the email address you provided on the online entry form and ask you to:

a) Supply a high-resolution version of your photo. This must be exactly the same image as the one originally entered, albeit a larger version. No retouching or altering of the image is permitted after the image has been shortlisted.

b) Supply any missing information about your image, if needed.

c) Declare if your photo has been digitally manipulated and, if so, supply details of the processing method.

## 6. Copyright and use of images:

a)The Astronomy Club is dedicated to supporting public understanding and education of science. The images submitted to the Astrophotography Competition serve as key resources to promote astronomy photography in practice and in order for us to do this we need to be able to use your image(s) in certain ways.

b)Entrants will retain copyright and moral rights in their submitted images. In all instances, the copyright holder will be credited, wherever practicable, when the image is used and published by the Astronomy Club, IIT(BHU), Varanasi. We will use your first and last name as supplied during the entry process. Although we will always supply the correct information to third parties (for example, to press/ media), it cannot accept responsibility for any credit line errors or omissions by these parties.

c)By entering, all entrants grant the Astronomy Club a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free right to use, reproduce, modify, adapt, and publish in perpetuity, and each image entered into the competition:

i.In exhibition displays, in relation to both the Astrophotography Competition and exhibition and related future exhibitions and displays.

ii.In promotional, press and marketing materials to promote and publicize the competition and exhibition, as well as future related exhibitions, and more generally to promote the understanding of astronomy in general terms as it fits.

iii.In publications about the Astrophotography Competition and exhibition and future related exhibitions.

iv.Please do not submit your contribution to the competition if you do not wish to grant these rights to the Astronomy Club, IIT (BHU), Varanasi.

## 7. Judging:

a)The Astronomy Club, IIT(BHU), Varanasi will be the Judging Panel.

b)Judging will be based on technical skills, artistic merit and originality of the entries sent. Along with the processed one, we will also consider the raw images for judging. Judging on raw images will be based on the change which you brought after processing

c)Top entries will be displayed in an exhibition hosted by the Astronomy Club IIT-(BHU) during TECHNEX '20. The entries will also be posted on the Facebook page of Astronomy Club, IIT (BHU) during the fest. Audience response will be noted for each entry which will add to the bonus points.

d)Judging criteria and distribution:

e)Technical skills, artistic merit and originality or the quality of processed

f)Photo. If both are methods are chosen, then the best of those two will be considered.

g)The decision of The Astronomy Club, IIT(BHU) will be final and binding to all.

h)Winners will be announced on the official TECHNEX '20 website during the fest, and they will be notified about it through the mail.



### **8. Invalid entries:**

- a) No responsibility can be accepted for entries which are lost, delayed, corrupted, damaged, misdirected or incomplete or which cannot be delivered for any technical, delivery or other reason. Proof of sending will not be accepted as proof of receipt.
- b) By submitting your photo for entry into the Astrophotography Competition, you confirm that the content of the photo is and will not be taken to be obscene, racist, pornographic, indecent, harassing, threatening or offensive.
- c) The Astronomy Club, IIT(BHU), Varanasi reserves the right to prevent and/or moderate photos submitted and reserves the right not to display uploaded content to the website or remove, suspend or disable access to photos, at any time, at its sole discretion, without liability or prior notice.

### **9. Liability:**

The Astronomy Club, IIT(BHU), Varanasi reserves the right to cancel the Astrophotography Competition and/or exhibition at any time owing to circumstances outside its reasonable control and where circumstances make this unavoidable, but will always use all reasonable endeavours to minimize the effect on participants to avoid undue disappointment.

### **10. Accepting the Rules:**

By entering your photo to the Astrophotography Competition, you are deemed to have accepted the above rules and to have granted the rights to The Astronomy Club, IIT(BHU), Varanasi set out above. Please do not submit a photo to the competition unless you are prepared to agree to these terms.

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