

The Water and Environmental Sanitation Network of India

27th February 2008, New Delhi

Dear Sir/Madam,

Clean India Photo–Contest 2008

We take this opportunity to introduce ourselves as the largest network of professionals and agencies working in the area of water and sanitation in India. Established in the year 2004, the Water and Environmental Sanitation Network India (WES-Net India) aims to promote knowledge sharing and co-ordination across the sector to improve provision of management of water and sanitation facilities.

To commemorate the “International Year of Sanitation – 2008”, Wes-Net India and some of its constituent member organizations, UNICEF, WaterAid & Plan India aims to promote mass awareness and also raise the profile of sanitation among the general public, professionals and policy makers through the media. Towards this end, we invite photojournalists working in newspapers and magazines across the country (both English and regional language media) to take part in a photo-contest on themes relating to sanitation.

To be eligible to take part in the contest, you are required to publish photographs along with captions relating to below given sanitation themes in the newspapers and magazines during a period of one week, starting from the world water day which will be observed on 20th March this year, (i.e. 20th – 27th March 2008). Published copies of the same along with the original print could be sent to the organizers by April 15 as nominations to the award. There is no entry fee for sending nominations to the contest.

Details of Awards

First Prize - Rs. 50,000	Second Prize - Rs. 25,000
Third Prize - Rs. 15,000	2 Prizes for each theme worth of Rs. 5,000

All the participants would be provided with a certificate of participation.

The awards will be given away at a national level event to be held in New Delhi by leading dignitaries of Government and International Agencies in the month of June. Awardees will be also provided with travel support by train (III tier AC) to attend the event. Selected entries would be displayed in a photo exhibition proposed to be organized along side the award function as well as in the photo book on sanitation to be published.

Criteria and themes for the Sanitation Photo Awards

The published photographs will be judged based on the following criteria;

- Highlights an important/neglected issue
- Creates mass awareness among public and others
- Promotes best practices

The published photographs with captions on the following themes will be eligible for nominations;

- Sanitary Facilities (Rural/urban)
- Sewerage Systems
- Hygiene Behavior
- River Pollution Issues
- Solid Waste Disposal
- Wastewater Management

For more information and application form download please visit www.wesnetindia.org. **Last date for receiving the nominations of the published work is 15th April.** Please find the attached terms and conditions related to the awards and application form.

Kindly pass on this information to your colleagues and friends.

With best regards,



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Participants

- Photojournalists both regular and freelancer are eligible.
- All entries must be accompanied by an entry form filled in with personal details and a full specification of the material, and must be signed by the entrant.

General rules

- There is no entry fee.
- Images in all categories must have been published between, 20th March to 27th March 2008.
- Single pictures in all categories must have been taken on the competition themes.
- There is no limit to the number of single images submitted by one entrant.
- Published copies (full page) of the image with the original print could be sent to the organizers by April 15 as nominations to the award

Material specifications

Prints, slides or digital entries are accepted in this contest. The pictures must be of reproduction quality. Further specifications:

- PRINTS: minimum size 20x25cm (8x10 inches), maximum size 30x40cm (12x16 inches).
- SLIDES: 35mm, mounted in a durable frame to withstand handling and projection. Indicate correct viewing side by a black dot in the top right-hand corner of the frame. Slides from prints are accepted, but must include only one full frame image per slide.
- DIGITIZED FORMAT: A digital entry consists of digital file(s) stored on a storage medium and an entry form filled in with the personal details of the photographer and a full specification of the entered material. The photographer must sign the form. Files may not be sent by e-mail. Digital files must be submitted on a CD/DVD clearly labeled with the photographer's full name.

File specifications

- Save each image as a separate JPEG file with high quality image setting 8 ("high"). Do not submit files exceeding maximum size 2048 x 2048 pixels (vertical and horizontal). Image resolution should be 72 dpi or higher. The resulting uncompressed file should not be larger than 12 MB.
- Use an embedded RGB color profile or grayscale (do not use CMYK).

- No masks, borders, backgrounds or other artistic effects are allowed. The images may not show the name of a photographer, agency, publication etc.
- Hard copy prints or transparencies from digital sources must be of reproduction quality.
- Composite photographs, multiple exposures and manipulated images are excluded from the contest. Manipulation and/or adjusting of digital entries are subject to the following restrictions: the original structure of a digital image (scan and/or camera file) must never be altered except by such darkroom techniques as brightness, contrast and color adjustments, dodging and burning. All other kinds of changes of the original digital frame, or part of it, are not allowed.

Preparation of entries

- Prints and slides must not bear the contestant's name or any identification other than the category code and the sequence number used on the entry form. On receipt every picture is registered and coded by WES-Net India.
- Prints must not be rolled up.

Submission of entries

- Entries should be forwarded either by mail or by prepaid courier.
- The closing date for the 2008 contest is 15 April 2008. All entries must have arrived in our office by this date.
- All winners will be contacted immediately after the results of the contest have been announced and requested to submit first-rate reproduction material suitable for the production of the book and the exhibition.
- Entries will not be returned. The WES-Net India committee has the right to dispose of the material.
- The conditions set out in these entry rules and on the entry form are binding.
- Prize winning works will be published in WES-Net India picture book, so please make sure to send extremely clear information of the photographs like who, When and Where.
- Copyrights belong to the entrants. If by any chance an infringement of the copyright is made and infringement compensation is sought, the organizer will not be liable and will accept no responsibility.

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WES-Net India, C/o Plan International (India), E-12, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-110048

Clean India Photojournalism Award Application Form

About the Photographer

Name (LAST, First): _____

Sex: _____ Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Pin code: _____

Telephone: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Job Title: _____

Organization represented: _____

Address of Organization: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Pin code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

About the work

Please send the information in following format

No	Title	Date Photo was taken	Caption (English or Hindi)	Date photo was published	Title of Publication

- a. I hereby declare that:
- b. I am a professional photographer
- c. I am the author of the photographic material I submit
- d. The material I submit was published between 20th and 27th March 2008.
- e. I am the only copyright holder
- f. I give WES-NET India permission for its unlimited use for activities under the auspices of organization without any remuneration being due.
- g. I give WES-NET India permission to use my material in the contest, the exhibition, picture book, CD, website and for the promotion of WES-NET India activities without any remuneration being due.
- h. To best of my knowledge no third party can claim rights or raise objection to publication of the material I submit.
- i. I accept the entry rules for the award laid down in this entry form and in the entry rules.

Signature : _____ Date: _____

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