

Photo-journalists honoured

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NEW DELHI
To promote the cause of sanitation, the first Clean India Photo Contest 2008 took place in the capital on Thursday at the India Habitat Centre.

The winner of the contest, which ended on the World Environment Day, was A.M. Shudhagar from Tamil Nadu. "I feel very excited to have won this contest. I hope more and more photojournalists come forward to cover the issue of sanitation, cleanliness and the environment," he said. The other winners include Sudhanshu Malhotra from Delhi and Astro Mohan from Karnataka.

The dignitaries present at the event included Bhagyashri Dingle, Depinder Kapur, country representative of Water Aid India, Lizette Burgers, Vijay Bhaskar, joint secretary of department for drinking water supply, ministry of

rural development and celebrity photographer Prashant Panjiar along with Padma Bhushan Major H.P.S. Ahluwalia.

Lizette Burgers, the chief of Water and Environmental Sanitation Section of Unicef, India said, "Global warming is increasing due to the crisis of sanitation and waste management and the photographs are an eye opener for the general public."

The photojournalists were invited to publish their photo stories on sanitation in newspapers and magazines during the World Water Week from March 20 to 27. Some of the themes on which they could capture the photographs were sanitary facilities, sewage system, hygiene behaviour, issues related to river pollution and wastewater management.

The judgements made by a senior photographer Anand Banerjee were based on the aspects that highlights an impor-



Photographer Sudhanshu Malhotra receiving the Clean India Photo Award

tant or neglected issue, create mass awareness among people and promote best practices.

"We bring our stories to people with the help of television and

newspapers because the middle-class is more concerned about themselves and their lifestyle and not about the prevailing social issues," said Panjiar.

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Photo contest

NEW DELHI: To mark World Environment Day, Water and Environmental Sanitation Network India announced the winners of “Clean India Photo Contest” on Thursday. The awards were presented by Major H.P.S. Ahluwalia of Indian Mountaineering Foundation. The first “Clean India Photo Contest-2008” on sanitation was won by A.M. Shudhagar of Tamil Nadu in the published photo category. The other winners included Sudhanshu Malhotra of Delhi and Astro Mohan of Karnataka.

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Murky Yamuna still a winner

Chronicling the sanitation (or lack of) saga through cameras, photojournalists from across the country have put various aspects of cleanliness, wastewater management and the environment in the spotlight through a first-of-its-kind photography contest. The Clean India Photo Contest 2008 — organised by the Water and Sanitation Network of India (WES-Net India), in collaboration with Plan India, Unicef, Department of Drinking Water Supply and Ministry of Rural Development — was started during the World Water Week and concluded on World Environment Day on Thursday. Delhi's Sudhanshu Malhotra won the second prize for his photograph of the Yamuna covered by the froth of industrial effluent, shot near the Okhla Barrage.

Photo courtesy Sudhanshu Malhotra



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Photo Awards**

Award winning frames

Clean India Photo contest which awarded photojournalists on World Environment Day



Women preparing chips in the midst of piles of garbage in Salem district in Tamil Nadu. Photo by AM Shudhakar of a Tamil weekly



Cleaning worker at Udupi in Karnataka. Photo by Astro Mohan who has documented cleaning workers for 15 years



Second prize
Froth depicting pollution in the Yamuna at the Okhla barrage. Photo by...

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World Environment Day

**Photo contest on
sanitation organised**

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 6

The first Clean India Photo contest — 2008 on sanitation concluded on the World Environment Day yesterday.

A.M Shudhagar of Salem, Tamil Nadu in the published photo category, won the contest. The other winners included Sudhan-shu Malhotra from Delhi and Astro Mohan from Karnataka. The awards were presented at a function here yesterday.

To contest was organised by WES-Net India, the

largest network of professionals and agencies working in the area of water and sanitation in India. It was supported by Plan India, Water Aid, UNICEF and the department for drinking water supply, ministry of rural development, government of India.

Photojournalist from across the country highlighted various aspects of cleanliness, water waste management and environment.

The dignitaries who spoke on the occasion included Bhagyashri Denge, executive director,

Plan India; Depinder Kapur, country representative, WaterAid India; Lizette Burgers, chief, water and environmental sanitation section of Unicef India; Vijay Bhaskar, joint secretary, department for drinking water supply, ministry of rural development; photographer Prashant Panjiar from Live Wire Images; Padma Bhushan Major H.P.S Ahluwalia, president, Indian Mountaineering Foundation and founder and chairman of Indian Spinal Injury Centre.



Green cover up, says CM on Environment Day

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi was abuzz with activity on Thursday, World Environment Day. Not only government agencies and NGOs, but individuals as well, organised several events that focussed on various aspects of conservation, protection and celebration of the environment.

As several agencies organised tree plantation drives, chief minister Sheila Dikshit announced that Delhi's green cover had increased from 26 sq km to about 300 sq km in the past eight years, making Delhi one of the greenest Capitals in the world.

Central Pollution Control Board inaugurated two continuous automatic ambient air quality monitoring stations in the city, adding to the four existing units. "We want to ensure that we have sufficient data on Delhi's air quality to be able to draw up a suitable air quality management plan for the



GASPING: A glimpse of the Yamuna at Okhla Barrage, unrecognizable with sewage

city before the Commonwealth Games," said a senior CPCB official.

The Clean India Photo Contest 2008 on sanitation and water, organised by WES-Net India, honoured photojournalists who captured, through their work, issues of poverty and lack of sanitation in the country. Some of the hard hitting pictures were those of a man taking out waste from a manhole

and one which captured women, children and pigs, together looking for food in a dump of waste.

The Earth Matters Foundation organised Eco Warrior Awards to felicitate "silent crusaders" who made a difference to the environment. The awards were given out by vice president Hamid Ansari.

In a function held at the American Centre to commemorate Environment Day, David C Mulford, US ambassador to India, highlighted problems of wildlife crime in the country.

Swechha-We for Change Foundation organised Yamunotsav, a special function that showcased films on environment and a musical programme. Yamuna Jiye Abhiyan, meanwhile, organised a motorcycle rally from Delhi to Agra and back, along the river. Manoj Misra of YJA said that this was their attempt to draw people's attention to the plight of the river.

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Reality through the lens

Chronicling the sanitation saga through the camera, lens men across the country have put the spotlight of attention on various aspects of cleanliness, water waste management, environment *et al* through a unique photo contest titled by *Clean India Photo Award 2008* organised by Water & Environment Sanitation Network and Net India to commemorate the International Year of Sanitation-2008. The contest was aimed to promote mass awareness and raise the standard of sanitation not only in villages but also in the cities through the mainstream media, says Geetika Bhagat

This froth is formed due to industrial waste and the waste from the houses of the people living in the city. "I wanted to show how the water is being contaminated. Poor people wash their clothes, utensils and even bathe in the same river. All this is very unhygienic. This photograph of mine has already been published in a magazine titled *Traffic Life*. I am now freelancing and am also undertaking documentation works with various developmental organisations working on AIDS."



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I had clicked this photograph in the Salem district, which depicts a place where garbage and waste materials are thrown away by the *topioca* plants near the village. The poor people pick up the material from there, which is useful for them in making a living. It is evident from the photograph that the pigs are also eating and living at the same place from where this



the contest.

material is being picked up. This practice is a major cause of spreading brain fever in children below the age of 12 years. I have been working in the field of journalism for the past 20 years in a magazine named *Tamilian Express*. Issues related to social problems are close to my heart. I am very excited to win

Communicating information without distortion is always difficult. Being a photographer I always try to capture and reproduce reality with utmost accuracy. The photograph, which I took, was from a place called Udipi, which is in Karnataka in the month of March. The picture shows a drain worker. The man is working with such hazardous waste materials without even wearing gloves. I have also written few articles on this issue and now I am planning to pen a book.



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नई दिल्ली, 6 जून। क्लीन इंडिया फोटो प्रतियोगिता 2008 के विजेताओं की घोषणा की गई है। फोटो पत्रकारों के लिए स्वच्छता और पर्यावरण से जुड़े विषयों पर देश भर से प्रवृष्टियां आई थीं। स्वच्छता पर पहले क्लीन इंडिया फोटो प्रतियोगिता 2008 का समापन विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस पर हो रहा है। इसमें तमिलनाडु के एएम शुधामर प्रकाशित फोटो श्रेणी में प्रथम आए हैं। अन्य विजेताओं में दिल्ली के सुधांशु मल्होत्रा और कर्नाटक के ऐस्डोमोहन शामिल हैं। इन्हें प्लान इंडिया की कार्यकारी निदेशक भाग्य श्री, वाटर इंडिया के देपिंदर कपूर और यूनीसेफ इंडिया की लिजर बर्गर्स ने पुरस्कार दिए।