

## Press Note

### NATIONAL PHOTO-STORY COMPETITION ON URBAN SANITATION FOR YOUTH

**New Delhi, 11 April 2022:** The Sanitation Capacity Building Platform (SCBP) at the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) with the support of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has announced a ‘Photo-story competition on Urban Sanitation’ for the youth. The objective of the competition is to raise awareness around urban sanitation and its importance for urban development.

The competition is open to students from classes 9 to 12 and for those pursuing graduation or post-graduation in any stream (with the age limit 25).

The competition offers three thematic areas for submission of the photo-stories:

- Sanitation and climate change
- Innovative practices for achieving circular economy in sanitation
- Inclusive sanitation

Participants are invited to submit up to five photographs along with an abstract (not exceeding 100 words) either focusing on the impacts of sanitation practices on climate change, innovative practices for achieving circular economy in sanitation or gender sensitive and inclusive sanitation by individuals, communities or city authorities.

The winning entries will be shortlisted on the basis of content, composition and technique used.

#### **Competition Rules**

- *The number of entries per thematic area is limited to one per person under each category.*
- *Participation is open to individuals only (amateurs and professionals)*
- *The photograph(s) should be from Indian cities only.*
- *Plagiarism check of the abstract should be done before submission. If the text is found to have been copied, the entry will be disqualified.*
- *The prize money will be transferred to Indian bank accounts only.*
- *Each entry should be in .jpeg or .png format with at least 8 X 12 inches at 300 DPI (dots per inches) minimum size.*
- *The file size of the submission should not exceed 30 MB.*
- *The entries will be evaluated by an eminent panel of sector experts and photographers, story-writers/story-tellers.*
- *The photo-stories should not hurt the sentiments of any person's/community's beliefs in any manner.*

Those interested may visit <https://scbp.niua.org/?q=Urban-Sanitation-Photostory-Competition> for further details. The deadline for submitting the entries is **16 May 2022, 11:59 pm** by filling in the details on [google form](#). All winners will be felicitated with cash prizes and certificates. Award winning pictures and selected nominations will be published in NIUA’s eGov magazine and will be exhibited at the India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road.

NIUA's Director, Mr. Hitesh Vaidya, said "The *Urban Sanitation Photo-story Competition* is a unique opportunity for students to capture sanitation practices in Indian cities and study their impacts. The competition aims to initiate a dialogue among India's youth on the importance of sanitation facilities for achieving targets under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 2030."

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