

*"...The limitations in your photography are in yourself, for what we see is what we are." - Ervst Haas*



**CELEBRATES WORLD INTERFAITH  
HARMONY WEEK  
1-7 FEBRUARY 2021**

**PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

# **Indian Diaspora:**

**CONNECTING, CONTESTING AND CONVERGING.**

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**CASH PRIZE FOR WINNERS:**

**WINNER: RS. 3000**

**FIRST RUNNER-UP: RS. 2000**

**SECOND RUNNER-UP: RS.1000**

**ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL GET AN E-CERTIFICATE**





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NORTH INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN ZONE

**PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

**Diasporas of India: Connecting, Contesting and Converging**

*Celebrating World Interfaith Harmony Week*

**About URI:** **United Religions Initiative (URI)** is a San Francisco based global grassroots interfaith network that cultivates peace and justice by engaging people to bridge religious and cultural differences and work together for the good of their communities and the world. We implement our mission through grassroots groups, called Cooperation Circles, which bring diverse people together to jointly engage in community action areas such as conflict resolution and reconciliation, environmental sustainability, education, women and youth programs, and advocacy for human rights. Read more: <https://www.uri.org>

**About World Interfaith Harmony Week:** World Interfaith Harmony Week is a UN resolution for a worldwide week of interfaith harmony proposed in 2010 by King Abdullah II and Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad of Jordan. The World Interfaith Harmony Week falls in the first week of February every year and aims to promote harmony between all people regardless of their faith. Read more: <https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com>

The theme for the World Interfaith Harmony Week this year is ‘Diaspora’. Diasporas are one of the most prominent and controversial manifestations of increased globalization. The connection between migrants and people who have stayed at home has profound effects on societies in the country of origin and the country of destination, as well as on diasporas themselves.

**The competition:** We at United Religions Initiative – North India and Afghanistan Zone are organizing a photography competition to celebrate this very spirit of **World Interfaith Harmony Week** and diaspora communities. India is a diverse country where diaspora communities from several countries and belonging to several faiths co-exist.

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The photograph need not be professionally clicked on a DSLR. Mobile photography is permitted. **Please make sure that the photograph is of high quality and not previously published elsewhere.**

- Give a name/title to the photo
- Briefly tell the story/description behind it (in 50-200 words)

**Deadline and other details:**

- Entries are restricted to one photograph per participant.
- The closing date and time for entries is **31<sup>st</sup> January 2021, by 12:00 pm IST.**
- The competition is open to participants aged **16 years and above** regardless of their country of residence.
- The photograph must be clicked in India or Afghanistan.
- Entries received after the deadline will not be accepted.
- The winners will be notified in the first week of February.
- After the competition closes, selected photos will be uploaded on URI's social media platforms and blog to commemorate the celebration of World Interfaith Harmony Week.
- An e-certificate of participation will be given to all participants.
- Cash prizes (see details below) will be awarded to winners.
- Follow us on our Instagram and Facebook channels for more updates.
- Winners will be decided by a panel set up by URI.
- Queries (if any) can be emailed to [sdhupar@uri.org](mailto:sdhupar@uri.org)

**Cash Prize:**

- **Winner:** Rs. 3000
- **First Runner-up:** Rs. 2000
- **Second Runner-up:** Rs.1000

**To send in your entry for the competition, please fill this form:**

<https://forms.gle/d9UwGqWnCURZ3mB9A>

**Our blog (URI – North India and Afghanistan):** <https://khwaesh.in>

**Instagram (URI – North India and Afghanistan):**  
<https://www.instagram.com/urinorthindia.afghanistan/>

**Facebook (URI – North India and Afghanistan):**  
<https://www.facebook.com/uri.northindia.afghanistan>