

World Elephant Day 2026 Photography Competition

Theme: *"Elephants : Majestic Giants"*

1. Eligibility

- Open to participants aged **15–27 years** at the time of submission.
- Participants must be able to provide valid proof of age (e.g., school/college ID, passport, birth certificate) if requested by the organizers.

2. Entry Rules

2.1 Each participant may submit a maximum of **one (1) photographs**.

2.2 Photographs must depict Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*), either in the wild or under human care (captivity).

2.3 All images must be original work, captured personally by the participant. Entries using another person's photograph will result in disqualification.

2.4 **AI-generated or AI-enhanced images** that alter the content of the photograph are strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification.

2.5 Permitted (mild) editing:

- Brightness, contrast, and exposure adjustment, White balance correction, Sharpness adjustment, Cropping, Noise reduction

2.6 Not permitted:

- Adding, removing, or significantly altering elements within the frame
- Composite images, photomontages, or HDR composites
- Any digital manipulation that misrepresents the actual scene as it was captured

3. Submission Requirements

Submission through google forms only.

Incomplete entries missing any of the above information will not be considered for judging.

4. Technical Specifications

- **Format:** JPEG (.jpg / .jpeg) only
- **Minimum resolution:** 3000 pixels on the longer side
- **Maximum file size:** 10 MB per image
- **No watermarks, logos, borders, or signatures** on the image
- Shortlisted participants may be required to submit the original, unedited high-resolution file for verification

5. Ethical Photography Guidelines

- The welfare of the elephant(s) must always take priority over securing a photograph.
- Photographs must not be taken by disturbing, baiting, chasing, or provoking elephants.
- No entry may depict cruelty, illegal handling, or exploitative treatment of

- elephants.
- All photography must comply with applicable wildlife laws and protected area regulations.
- Images must be captured from a safe and responsible distance, without endangering the photographer, the public, or the animal.
- Entries found to violate these guidelines will be disqualified at any stage of the competition, including after an award has been announced.

6. Copyright and Permissions

- The participant must own full rights to the submitted photograph(s).
- The participant is solely responsible for obtaining any permissions required to photograph within protected areas, zoos, or elephant care facilities.
- By submitting an entry, participants grant the organizers a **non-exclusive, royalty-free license** to use the photographs for educational, awareness, exhibition, publication, website, and social media purposes, with due photographer credit.
- Copyright of the image remains with the photographer at all times.

7. Disqualification

An entry may be disqualified at any stage for:

- Violation of any rule listed above
- Evidence of AI generation/enhancement or digital manipulation beyond permitted edits
- Evidence of animal harassment, baiting, or unethical practices during capture
- Incomplete or inaccurate submission information
- Copyright infringement or misrepresentation of authorship

8. Submission Process

- **Submission deadline:** 07 August 2026
- **Submission method/platform:** Google forms

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdz_Pe8rxwfZ654rMXwYiYh-vKX7GL-x5GNGJhKGBDbsdsI2A/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=108038598524014431617

- **Results announcement:** 13th August 2026

9. Prizes

- First- 7500 + certificate
- Second- 5000 + certificate
- Third- 3000+ certificate
- Appreciation certificate to 10 participants.