

Achievements of G.C.T.S. Photography Club

G.C.T.S. photography club is the first photography club of the Gupta College of Technological Sciences, Asansol, West Bengal founded in the year 2018. From its first day of origin the club's sole purpose is to nurture and cultivate the passion of the students for the photography and for that, we regularly provide photography classes to all our members and tried to polish their photography skills. We also show case their talents by doing various photography exhibitions. Every year we welcome the new students to be a lifetime member in our group so that we not only grow in numbers but also grow in the diversity of knowledge i.e. gathering the knowledge from the new generations and also from the old super seniors who passed out from the college but their love and dedication drives them to work with us.

But the year 2020 was very challenging for us due to the pandemic situation. We can't able to do physical classes and initially we faced various problems in our intercommunication.

In the initial months of the 2020 i.e. before the pandemic situation, we organized a photography exhibition in our college. But after the strike of the pandemic we can't able to do this type of physical exhibitions due to the chances of contamination by mass gathering. In that period, we were still in continuous search of opportunity and by getting inspired from the work from home culture we came up with a new idea and organized the **Digital Photography Salon 2020**(<https://youtu.be/xd5vlkqd2mo>), which was India's one of the first photography salon organized by a college photography club in a digital format. In this salon a humongous number of college students participated across the country who are passionate about photography.

There were three categories,

1. Street Photography:

1st – Sourav Basak (G.N.I.P.S.T.)

2nd – Priyam Pal (G.C.T.S.)

2. Nature Photography:

1st – Jyotirmoy Roy (G.C.T.S.)

2nd – Ankit Goswami (Sonamukhi College)

3. Conceptual & Creative Photography:

1st – Aviruk Chatterjee (G.C.T.S.)

2nd – Avijit Das (N.S.H.M.)

Mr. Swapan Mukherjee (EFIAP and FFIP) was the judge of our salon, who helped us shortlisting the best from the bests. We not only give participation certificate to all the participants but we also provide cash prize and achievement certificate to all the 1st and 2nd rank holders of each categories.

We started our official YouTube channel “**GCTS Photography Club**” and our Digital Photography Salon, which was uploaded in our channel received near 1K views. We also provide e-certificates to all our club members and governing body members for their active participation and great dedication for the club. Later on, we did various virtual interactions among our club members to discuss about their needs, necessities, difficulties and problems they were facing. We also provide video tutorials about the photography to our club members to constantly upgrade their knowledge and understanding over it. We have our official Facebook page “**GCTS Photography Club**” (<https://www.facebook.com/GCTS-Photography-Club-149787442633430/>) where we show case the photographic talents of our club members in front of the whole world. These are all the achievements of the club in the last year and we are really thankful to our college Chairman, Principal, Teacher in Charge and all the faculty members for providing their continuous support to us and we really hopeful to achieve more and more milestones in the future.

In the year 2021 we did a photographic competition on 10th February jointly with the Environment Conservation Society (ECS), partnered with Goldman Sachs, WWF and Greenpeace on the topic of Clean Air during the International Development Week. Our all the members participated in this competition by sending their captured photographs on the above topic and we displayed them in our Facebook page wall. And from all of them we shortlisted top 3 rank holders which are:

First Rank Holder: - Mousam Bhowmik (Third Year, G.C.T.S.)

Second Rank Holder: - Avinaba Samanta (Second Year, G.C.T.S.)

Third Rank Holder: - Priyam Giri (Second Year, G.C.T.S.)

We provide participation and appreciation certificates to every participating candidate as well as the rank holders.