



Manotsava 2025 | Photo Contest

Frames of Familiarity

What does home mean to you?

Is it the sunlit ledge by your window, the familiar corner table at your favourite café, or the scent of fresh filter coffee in your kitchen? Is it a park bench, a bustling local market, a shared silence, or maybe just the right playlist?

When do you feel at home? With yourself, with others, or with the world around you?

As we build up to Manotsava 2025, RNP, NIMHANS, and NCBS invite you to capture your idea of home through the lens of photography. Whether it's a place, a feeling, or a fleeting moment, show us where you belong.

Here's what to keep in mind:

Eligibility:

- Open to individuals aged 16 and above.
- Entries are welcome from both amateur and professional photographers.
- Each participant may submit only one photograph.
- Each photograph must be accompanied by a title (maximum 6 words) and a caption of (maximum 100 words) describing what this picture means to you with respect to a sense of belonging.

Technical Requirements:

- Only original photographs are accepted (no AI-generated or stock images).
- Black & white or filtered images are not permitted.
- Accepted file formats: JPEG or PNG.
- Minor colour correction is permitted.

The verification process requires:

- The original image file with EXIF data intact.
- A screenshot of the photo's details (metadata) from your phone or camera gallery, showing the date, time, location, and device used.

By participating in this contest, you confirm that:

- The submitted image must be original, created by you, and not generated using AI or copied from any other source.
- You retain the copyright to your image. It will be shared under a Creative Commons license, with permission granted to the festival to exhibit and publish it on online and offline platforms for non-commercial purposes.
- Any submission found to be plagiarised, AI-generated, or in violation of copyright laws will result in immediate disqualification and may lead to legal action.
- If the photograph includes visibly identifiable individuals, you must have obtained their consent for its display.

Last day to participate: September 15, 2025

Jury

[Anushya Badrinath](#) | [Gayatri Nair](#) | [Shashank Ganesh](#) | [Sriram Sabhapathy](#) | [Suresh Jayram](#)

The top 30 photographs (as determined by our jury) will be showcased as a public exhibition at Manotsava 2025 on November 8–9. Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 photographers.

[Click here to send us your photograph](#) & write to manotsava@rohininilekaniphilanthropies.org for any queries.

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