

Ministry of Arts and Culture

Golden Jubilee of Independence and 26th Anniversary of the Republic

PHOTO COMPETITION

Terms and Conditions

Entries are invited from Mauritian Nationals/Institutions for a photo competition for the National Day Celebrations 2018 based on the theme “*Lame dan lame*”. This year, Mauritius will celebrate its Golden Jubilee of Independence and the 26th Anniversary of the Republic.

Specifications /Conditions for participation:-

1. The maximum number of entries per individual or institution shall be limited to one.
2. The photo must be submitted in high resolution printed on 15cm x 20cm matt photographic paper in black and white or colour along with the soft copy of the photo in JPEG minimum 3 MB in size on a CD/DVD or on flash drive.
3. Digital manipulation that distorts the reality of the images will not be allowed. Only basic enhancements such as sharpening, contrast adjustment, or simple cropping will be allowed.
4. Only single exposure and single frame pictures will be accepted. The following are not accepted:
 - (i) Multiple exposures, polyptychs (diptychs, triptychs, and so forth); and
 - (ii) Stitched panoramas, either produced in-camera or with image editing software.
5. The content of the picture must not be altered by adding, rearranging, reversing, distorting or removing people and/or objects from within the frame. There are two exceptions:
 - (i) Cropping that removes extraneous details is permitted; and
 - (ii) Removing sensor dust or scratches on scans of negatives is permitted.
6. Adjustments of color or conversion to gray scale that do not alter content are permitted, with two exceptions:
 - (i) Changes in color may not result in significant changes in hue, to such an extent that the processed colors diverge from the original colors; and
 - (ii) Changes in density, contrast, color and/or saturation levels that alter content by obscuring or eliminating backgrounds, and/or objects or people in the background of the picture, are not permitted.

7. Images that have won prizes in prior competitions, or have been used for commercial purposes and/or been published will not be eligible.

8. Copyright holders retain copyright of their work. For awarded pictures, copyright holders grant the Ministry of Arts and Culture unlimited non-exclusive use of high-resolution pictures for activities in all media, including social media, online and print, in relation to the contest, the public archive, and all promotional and educational activities without any remuneration being due.

9. The copyright holders represent and warrant that submission of the pictures does not breach any law, and further that no third party can hold any claims or any objections regarding the rights granted to the Ministry of Arts and Culture. The copyright holders will hold the Ministry of Arts and Culture harmless of any claims from third parties related hereto.

10. The images will be selected by a panel of judges and their decision will be final.

11. The panel of judges will evaluate the images based on the following criteria:

(i) Artistic/visual appeal;

(ii) Extent to which the photograph captures the essence of the theme; and

(iii) Originality, creativity and relevance to the theme.

12. The judging panel reserves the right not to award the prizes if the images submitted do not meet the requirements stated in this document.

13. By submitting an image for the competition, the participant will be regarded as having accepted and agreed to be bound by the rules and regulations of the competition.

14. While due care will be exercised during the collection, selection and storage of images, the Ministry shall not be held liable for any loss, theft or destruction of the images.

15. Only pictures taken at events below can be entered in the contest:

NO.	DATE	TIME	DETAILS
1	6 March 2018	18:30- 22:00	Launching of National Day Celebrations 2018 Campaign and Cultural Programs (Place D'armes) at Port- Louis
2	8 March 2018	10:30- 12:30	International Women's Day at Swami viveckananda convention centre. (Pailles)
3	9 March 2018	12:00- 13:30	Youth Rally from Line Barracks to Champ de Mars
4	10 March 2018	08:30- 22:00	Regional Shows by Local Authorities
5	11 March 2018	09:00- 21:00	Regatta at Mahebourg
6	12 March 2018	18:00-21:00	Official Ceremony at Champ de Mars
		21:00 - 00:00	Rue Desforges (Animation Musicale, Street Food etc.)

16. (a) Each entry shall be signed by a pseudonym on the verso; and
- (b) The name, address and telephone number of the participant/s together with the pseudonym used shall be submitted in a sealed separate envelope and inserted into the main envelope. The main envelope shall mention “Photo Competition @ 50”
- (c) A caption of not more than 5 words and a brief of not more than 50 words explaining its originality, focus on patriotism, mauritianism and nation-building must also be submitted.
17. The photo and the pseudonym shall be addressed to:

**The Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Arts and Culture
7th Floor, R. Seeneevassen Building
Port Louis**

N.B: (A) PLEASE MENTION “PHOTO COMPETITION @ 50” ON THE ENVELOPE.

(B) DO NOT WRITE NAME OF THE PHOTOGRAPHER ON ANY ENVELOPE.

18. Closing date: **Monday 19 March 2018 at 14 00 hrs.**
19. A prize of **Rs 25,000** will be awarded to the best entry. Special prizes may also be awarded.
20. The Jury reserves the right not to recommend any award following this competition.
21. The selected photo and all other entries shall become the property of the Government of Mauritius and shall be used in various forms and formats.
22. Submitted photo will not be returned to participants. The participants shall however retain their copyright.

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