

A Brief About Mr. Arun Khanna

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Brief Introduction:

Mr. Arun Khanna is working as a Chief Manager in the foremost public sector oil company of India.

Although he had been indulging in travel writing and casual photography for some time, the drift towards serious photography happened a little over three years ago. Arun seems to have surely come a long way in such a short span of time.

Little did he know that it wouldn't be long before his hobby would soon turn into a passion. His transfer to Lucknow from Chandigarh in 2012 and resulting separation from his family, especially his critically ailing mother, made him turn to photography as an emotional anesthesia.

An alumnus of Lucknow University (M.B.A. 1982 passout batch), Arun has captured the architectural brilliance of the Lucknow monuments from an entirely different and interesting perspective which has won him many awards and accolades. He maintains that ***Lucknow has given him most of his architectural and monumental masterpieces.***

King George Medical University, Lucknow and Lucknow University have been his favourites.

Besides Lucknow, he has also covered myriad hues of history, architecture and daily life in Allahabad, Varanasi and Jhansi.

In addition to photographing architecture and landscapes which remain close to his heart, he has also captured the confluence of cultures by covering the Shree Ganesh Chaturthi, the Chhath Pooja, the Moharram, Diwali, Eid and Holi celebrations. He even covered the Maha Kumbh held at Allahabad in 2013 in which he walked nearly 47 kilometers in two days for trapping some of his memorable and never before shots.

He has further expanded his horizon by extensively photographing Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

For Arun, photography has now transcended from being an art to an act of worship.

➤ For the last many years he has been launching his e-calendar of the photos clicked by him which he shares with his friends and acquaintances. His 2014 calendar under the theme 'Birds In Flight' has been hosted by the leading travel and tourism site 'Thinking Particle' (www.thinkingparticle.com) which gathered around 83000 hits. He is already working on his 2017 calendar launch.

Achievements, Awards, Citations and Publications:

The list of milestones successfully achieved by him is rather long in his relatively short journey as a writer and photographer. Salient ones are:

➤ A photo gallery captioned 'Shaan-e-Awadh' consisting of photos of Lucknow shot by Arun has been commissioned on the Executive Floor of IndianOil Bhawan, Gomti Nagar,

Lucknow. The galley was inaugurated on 24th June, 2015 by Sh. Amrit Abhijat, IAS, Director General cum Secretary Tourism and MD, UP Tourism Corporation Ltd.

- **Winner of 7 awards and around 300 acceptances in International Photo Salons organized under the aegis of various apex international photo federations/societies/groups** (e.g. FIAP, PSA, RPS, IUP, FIP – to name only a few)
- Hat trick of receiving Citation cum Appreciation Award by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, King George's Medical University, Lucknow successively in 2013, 2014 and 2015 for clicking photos of this architectural marvel from a completely different perspective.
- His photo titled 'Aerial View Of KGMU, Lucknow' has achieved an iconic status. It is one of the most viewed photos of KGMU. It is also the cover photo of KGMU Coffee Table Book, launched on 20th December 2015 by His Excellency Sh. Ram Naik Ji, Hon'ble Governor of UP, also the Chancellor of KGMU, Lucknow. Hon'ble Governor Sh. Ram Naik Ji too appreciated the photographic endeavor of Mr. Arun Khanna in his key note address delivered on the occasion.
- Prior to that, in 2014 KGMU Convocation and Founders' Day, this photo highlighted the grace and beauty of KGMU on the backdrop, the degree covers and invitation cards.
- His photo titled 'Aerial Night View Of KGMU, Lucknow' has the pride of being cover page photo of January 2016 edition of Lucknow Observer.
- Winner of 1st prize in the category 'Emerging Lucknow' in the second edition of Photo Contest 'Explore Lucknow' in 2013. The contest was jointly organized by The Lucknow Society, The Hindustan Times and Amar Ujala.
- Winner of 2nd Prize in Selfie Section and 3rd Prize in 'Architectural Wonders of Lucknow' ('Aerial View Of KGMU, Lucknow') in Explore Lucknow 2015 Photography contest organized by Lucknow Society, Lucknow Observer along with Uttar Pradesh Tourism.
- Winner of 'Best Of Three' prize in a Lucknow Photo Fair Photo contest 2016.
- Winner of many online contests organized by a leading photography website from time to time.
- Acceptance of photo in Montage 2013 – Annual Photo contest of Jadhavpur University, Kolkata.
- Winner of consolation prize in a photo contest 'Chandigarh In April' organized by CITCO in 2015.
- Winner of consolation prize in Uttar Pradesh Photo Expo 2016.
- Two articles published in the prestigious Defence publication – 'ASC Journal'
- The Hindustan Times, Lucknow also carried an article about Mr. Khanna's photography endeavours in its edition dated 23rd December, 2014, phone link of which is enclosed below:

paper.hindustantimes.com/epaper/iphone/homepage.aspx#_article5a64c0c0-1041-46b5-a063-d2e0a2b0b6f6/waarticle5a64c0c0-1041-46b5-a063-2e0a2b0b6f6/5a64c0c0-1041-46b5-a063-d2e0a2b0b6f6//true