

The **Shutter Bugs Creative Forum** celebrated one year of eventful photography with the 1st Annual Day held on Friday, 17th June 2011 at Utsav, India Club, Dubai, UAE. The program witnessed 100% attendance from the members and most came with their families. The three guests of honors for this event were **Mr. P.S. Shaji**, Brand Manager Nikon, Grand Stores, **Mr. Hadrian Hernandez**, Chief Photographer, Gulf News and **Mr. Sankha Kar**, Deputy Picture Editor, Gulf News.



Member Presentations



The presentations dealt with different photography topics. Nisha and Hermis gave a presentation on bird photography; '*A Journey with Birds of UAE*'. The presentation had bird sounds. Different species of birds mostly in flight, photographed in UAE featured in their show.



Computation of Awards in progress

'*3 Destinations – 3 Wonders*' by Sarah Asif and Seher Asif was a travelogue on India, Egypt and Greece. The young Seher Asif presented their combined photography to these exotic locations, which had one of the wonders of the world.



Zahooruddin Khan presented '*Photography is Communication*'; detailing the way he uses photography. The photojournalist Mr. Hadrian and Mr. Sankha were impressed with Zahoor's presentation and his approach in photography.



Aamna Mohsin and Sarah Asif – The Comperes

Usman Khalanthar's '*My Experiment*' was on his experiments with flash technique in particular and how he devised a homemade flash accessory to create interesting shadow less lighting effects. Usman's simple cost – effective approach awed the audience.





Guest of Honor

Mr. PS Shaji, Brand Manager Nikon Grand Stores

The guests of honors spoke on the present status of photography and how one could progress using the good approach and equipment.

Mr. Hadrian recommended that interacting with like-minded groups would help and recommended that one should go for the best in equipment to derive quality images.

Mr. Shaji volunteered to give presentations on various aspects of creative photography. Souvenirs from Nikon were distributed at the event.

Mr. Sankha highlighted the importance of approach in photography and commended the efforts made by the Shutter Bugs Creative Forum to pursue creative photography in their spare time.

Dr. Sayed M. Khalanthar representing the families of members elaborated on the third eye and commended on the progress made by the members.



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Dr. Sayed M. Khalanthar

ETA Star Education Management
(Representing the families of SBCF Members)



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Priya Venkatesh, Hermis Haridas, Clement Carol, Nisha P., Usman Khalanthar and Zahooruddin Khan were the award winners. **Zahoor** bagged the Popular Choice Award for 'Together', while **Priya** won the Photographer of the Year for her shot of DSF fireworks. Priya also won the 2nd award for featured photographs and 3rd Award in the Popular Choice Awards. **Nisha** was the Top Featured Photographer and won the 2nd Award in Photographer of the Year category. Hermis won 3rd Awards in Featured Photographer category, Photographer of the Year category and Dr. Thomas Memorial Award.



Priya Venkatesh receiving her award from Mr. P.S. Shaji



Zahooruddin Khan receiving his award from Dr. Sayed Khalanthar



Nisha P. receiving her award from Mr. Sankha Kar



Hermis Haridas receiving his award from Mr. Sankha Kar

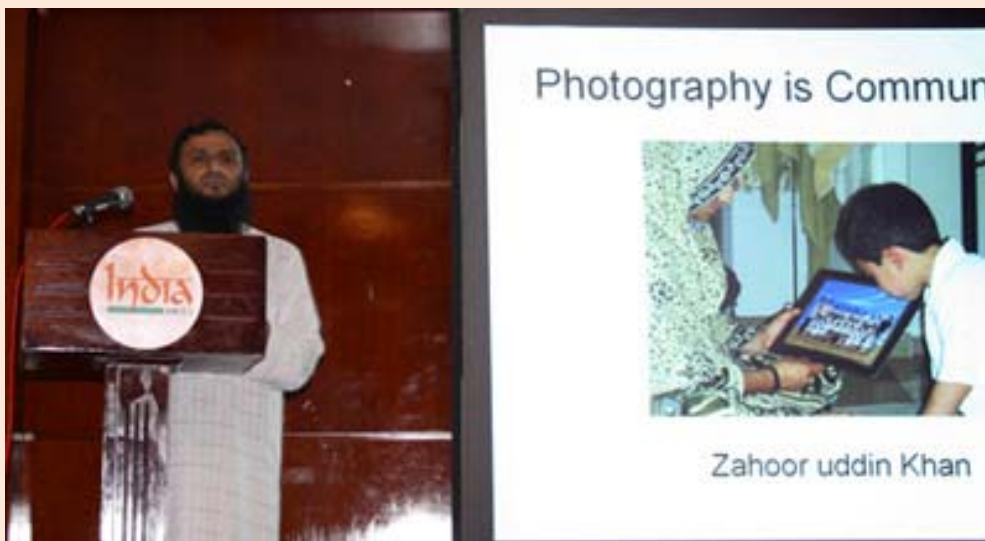
Clement Carol won the 2nd Award in the Popular Choice Category and the Shahrugh Askary Hameed Memorial Award. Usman won the C. Rajagopal Memorial Award and for his overall performance, promotion of the group and active participation in the groups activities, he won the SBCF Achievement Award for 2010-2011.



Clement Carol receiving the Shahrugh Askary Hameed



Usman Khalanthar receiving the C. Rajagopal Memorial Award from Mr. Hadrian Hernandez



Zahooruddin Khan presenting 'Photography is Communication'



Mr. H. Satish, MFIAP, ARPS
Judge – Photographer of the Year Award



The Shutter Bugs Presentation highlighted the groups history, activities and achievements. It was presented by members Aamna Mohsin and Sarah Asif



The Guests of Honors with Sreekumar, Administrator and Dr. Sayed Khalanthar

The group commended the timely help of Mrs. Lata & Mr. Abdulkareem during the accident involving three SBCF members. They were presented the SBCF Mementoes.

Joseph Antony, Clement Carol, Shaji S. & Aamna Mohsin were presented mementoes for their contribution to the group.



Shaji S being commended for his services to SBCF



Mrs. Lata being commended for her timely help



Joseph Antony, Administrator SBCF, being commended for his contribution and organization by the Moderator.



A surprise gift for the Moderator by Members. Sreekumar, Administrator SBCF, presenting the gift on behalf of the Members.



The Moderator, Mohammed Arfan Asif gave the closing remarks and presented the SBCF Souvenir to the Guests of Honors and members who contributed towards the organization of the 1st Annual Day.