

Guidelines for the Photo Contest

Taking a Flight With The Birds of Sangareddy

Annual Wildlife Public Awareness Program through Photography Competition

The Neuland Foundation is committed to conservation ecology and environment, and its longer-term plans have more than half of its resources aligned to various activities promoting biodiversity. As part of Foundation's comprehensive effort towards giving planet an opportunity to regenerate, we are organising a photo contest to bring greater awareness among citizens about the lesser known and ignored habitats like Manjeera Bird Sanctuary and its avifauna, and to generate their interest in promoting biodiversity.

1. Competition Themes

To bring out both the beauty and ecological importance of Manjeera, the themes include:

- *Birds and Their Habitats* – capturing how different bird species depend on the wetland ecosystem.
- *Moments of Behaviour* – courtship, or flocking scenes that show natural interactions.
- *Coexistence* – birds or wildlife adapting around human presence, agriculture, or transmission lines.
- *Biodiversity Beyond Birds* – showcasing amphibians, insects, plants, and other biodiversity that make up Manjeera's ecosystem.
- *Reflections of Manjeera* – creative compositions of the forest habitat.

We have also included a “**Young Photographer**” category (for individuals under 18).

The office of the DFO, Sangareddy has agreed to provide closer access to islands through their boats over the weekends (Saturday and Sunday) for around 4 hours each day. If you need, we will be happy to provide you a letter from his office for accessing the boat facility for your photography.

2. Submission & Post-Processing Guidelines

To ensure ethical integrity and fair evaluation, we expect:

- Up to **5 images per participant** in JPEG format (minimum 3000 px on the longer side, 300 dpi).
- **Global adjustments only** are allowed (exposure, contrast, white balance, cropping, noise reduction, and sharpening).
- **No local editing or manipulations** that alter the scene (no addition/removal of elements, cloning, or composites).
- Images must be photographed within or around Manjeera Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Each submission should include the species name, location, and a short caption or story (max 50 words).
- Watermarks should be removed before submission.
- Filename format: Name_Theme_Title_OriginalFileName.jpg.
- RAW files to be submitted alone.

3. Jury & Evaluation Criteria

- **Technical Quality** – 30%
- **Originality / Creativity** – 30%
- **Conservation Value / Storytelling** – 40%

4. Prizes

- Platinum Bird (1st Prize) – ₹20,000
- Gold Bird (2nd Prize) – ₹15,000
- Silver Bird (3rd Prize) – ₹10,000
- 5 Bird Feathers – ₹2,000 each

(Encouragement Prizes)

Apart from these prizes, all the participants will receive a certificate signed by our eminent Jury members.

5. Submissions

To submit your entries, click on the Hyper link provided on the Neuland Foundation page by scanning the QR code on our event promotion poster.

Last date for submission is March 9th, 2026 (23:59 hrs.).

Only in exceptional cases, where you could not upload them due to technical reasons, we will be accepting submissions only within next 24 hours. We will accept this submission, only if you have intimated to us about your problem in advance through an email to us at contact@neulandfoundation.org before 09:00 am of 10th March 2026.

6. Results

Results of the contest will be announced on 15th March 2026 on the Neuland Foundation webpage at www.neulandlabs.com. Winners will also be intimated directly through their email/phone.

Note: If you have any queries, please write to us at contact@neulandfoundation.org or call +91-9959349396 (Gautami) or +91-9849005363 (Yadagiri).