

Press Release

## Kolkata Centre for Creativity and Department of Tourism, Govt. of West Bengal hosts a photography exhibition

### ‘My Kolkata in Kolkata’

**Kolkata, 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019:** Kolkata Centre for Creativity (KCC) in association with **Department of Tourism, Govt. of West Bengal** inaugurated a photography exhibition ‘**My Kolkata in Kolkata**’ today. Curated by **Ms Reena Dewan**, AVP, Kolkata Centre for Creativity, the exhibition was inaugurated by **Dr. Jayanta Sengupta**, Secretary & Curator, Victoria Memorial Hall and **Ms. Ruby Paul Chowdhury**, General Secretary of the Crafts Council of West Bengal and **Ms. Richa Agarwal**, Executive Director, Kolkata Centre for Creativity.

In an attempt to see the city through the lens of different perspectives, the exhibition ‘My Kolkata in Kolkata’ invited acclaimed professional and enthusiastic amateur photographers to send in photographs that have captured the very ethos of the city.

**Over 120 entries** were received, of which the exhibition will be showcasing **around 80 photographs**. Speaking on the occasion, **Ms Richa Agarwal, Executive Director, KCC** said, “We are proud to be associated with the Department of Tourism, Govt. of West Bengal for ‘My Kolkata in Kolkata’. It is a testimony of the love that people have for our city and this has been captured in the most artistic manner through different lenses. We are excited to showcase works of not only established and acclaimed photographers but also of enthusiastic and budding photographers.”

‘My Kolkata in Kolkata’ will also showcase selected photographs of Kolkata clicked by internationally acknowledged photographers such as **Prabir Purakayastha, Dheeraj Paul, Irfan Nabi, Soham Gupta** as well as amateur photography enthusiasts such as **Mr. Andrew Ford**, Consul General Australia; **Mr. Jurgen Thomas Schrod**, Dy. Consul General, Germany; foreign embassy expats like **Mr. Cory Wilcox** and **Ms. Laura Mitchell Amalir**, and **Uma Nair** art critic & curator.

**Ms Reena Dewan**, AVP, KCC and Curator of the ‘My Kolkata in Kolkata’ said “Our association with Department of Tourism, Govt. of West Bengal is a humble attempt to view Kolkata through the eyes of the citizen. The inquisitiveness to see what Kolkata means to people and to know their hidden stories has inspired me to curate this exhibition.”

Each photograph has a story to tell and has deep-rooted emotions attached. The concept of ‘Kolkata’ as a city has many interpretations and subjective meanings which the exhibition has attempted to capture by showcasing the organic talent of the participants through their creative expressions.

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The exhibition is open from 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 till 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2019, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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**Note to Editors:**

**About KCC**

Kolkata Centre for Creativity (KCC) is a new multi-disciplinary interactive art and creativity center located in Kolkata, West Bengal. The 70,000 sq. ft Centre champions the art and cultural landscape of contemporary India and is designed by architect Pinakin Patel, who is also its Creative Director.

KCC anchors on Emami Art, a 10,000 sq ft art gallery, spearheaded by Emami Group Director Richa Agarwal who is also the Executive Director of the Centre. Alongside Emami Art, which hosts a regular programme of art exhibitions by artists of national and international repute, KCC also encompasses distinct exhibition spaces that showcase art, craft, antiquity and product design from contemporary culture as well as traditional Indian handicrafts. KCC also includes a classical amphitheater for performances and creative contemplations; a children's creativity corner; modular spaces for events; and an art conservation studio. Additionally, KCC houses a book and materials library, dance studio for workshops, a skills development and a maker section to create prototypes using the latest digital technologies, an art shop offering specially commissioned products and a vegetarian restaurant - Grace.

Showcasing several expressions of art and design to highlight their common creative core - Kolkata Centre for Creativity encourages visitors to explore, interact and design ideas on various art forms within its spaces. KCC is thus envisaged as a space of collocations, not only in the visual arts, but also in craft, design, music, textiles, architecture, photography, film, poetry & literature, independent publishing, graphic design, conservation, urbanism, ecology, technology and the culinary arts in a symbiotic and fluid structure.

Kolkata Centre for Creativity and Emami Art offers free entry to the public and is open between 11am to 6pm from Tuesday to Sunday.

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