



# FOTO UNIT

**Annual Report 2016 -17**

76/C Nagendranath Road, Kolkata 700 028

A journey begun in **7<sup>th</sup> June, 1973** at a dark room of **139 Dum Dum Park, Kolkata- 700 055** due to power cut; some seven people dreamt something; a person, fully dedicated to photography held the torch; FOTO UNIT took birth. After 44 years of collective dreaming and perspiring relentlessly to achieve goals, today we may claim that we have achieved a height with the culmination in FIP Interclub result, where FOTO UNIT adjudged as BEST CLUB of INDIA. A great feat is indeed greater since the glory was brought by the young blood. BRAVO BROTHERS & SISTERS, you made us proud!

This is a very challenging and very successful year. With a new team with hardly any experienced member we have made a history with 18<sup>th</sup> FU International Salon. Over 46 countries, over 400 participants and over 4400 entries, FU Salon was never so grand. Salon Team done a splendour!

Following are the sector wise reporting of the facts and figures:

**Academics:**

For decades together Dumdum Foto Unit (Association) has been playing a brilliant role for propagation of Photography in Social life through various activities. Our courses are being considered as one of the best in Kolkata. FU Diploma is the only Diploma Course in India under FIP now.

57 nos of students have been admitted in the Basic Course of 2017. There are 41 nos of students admitted in 1<sup>st</sup> year Diploma Course and Phenomenal 37 nos of students admitted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year i.e. Final year Diploma Course. We regret to refuse lot of applications for admission due to shortage of space in our newly acquired classrooms.

Out of 58 students, 32 students appeared for Basic course examination and 29 students successfully passed the examination in the session 2016. 20 students became successful in Final Year Diploma Course. 5 nos of students of Belghoria Photographic Club also passed the Basic Course examination through our institution.

**Another great news regarding our course is that our course is now affiliated by the Image Colleague Society (ICS), USA.**

The Intra-Course Photo Competition, **INSTANCE** has geared up its pace. Though the initial responses were not very encouraging, but it has paced up and motivating students.

The **Digital Editing** course is also running very successfully and there is a demand for another batch due to growing numbers.

**Salon:**

SECTION	RECEIVED	ACCEPTED
Open-Digital	1243	453
Creative	617	193
Nature	803	263
Portrait	948	257
Print-Color	395	135
Print-Mono	386	122
<b>Total</b>	<b>4392</b>	<b>1423</b>

**18<sup>th</sup> FU International Salon of Photography** has created history with huge response as already mentioned above. A glimpse of the performance section wise is given beside. The Salon this time used a great amount of technology and almost gone online, in line of the present trend. After the success of the 18<sup>th</sup>

version, we are eagerly looking forward for our 19<sup>th</sup> version of FU Salon. This time the entire process will be electronically monitored to make our salon completely bias less and prudent.

**Annual Excursion:** Annual excursion in Bodhgaya was a success one with a team of 61 participants including students and faculties. It was a memorable and successful excursion. Number of photographs shot during the excursion by students received national and international accolades. The GB of FOTO UNIT extends its gratitude to the Hiker Club who organized the whole trip successfully.

**Celebration of Birth Anniversary of Sri Dilip Kumar Bose:** Annual Club day as well as Birth anniversary celebration of Great Teacher Sri Dilip Kumar Bose was celebrated at Dumdum Sports Complex on 13.08.2016. The evening started with nice tunes of music of our students and members. Followed by the deliberation on "The Art of Portrait Photography" by the master portrait artist Sri Anup Paul, MFIAP. His stunning works overwhelmed the entire audience.

**Annual Get Together on Poila Baisakh, 1424 (15.04.2017):** The tradition of Annual get together was maintained on Poila Baisakh, 1424 (15.04.2017) at Babughat, Kolkata. Following the convention, the members, students, alumni of DDFUA courses, friends and well-wishers were present to share their knowledge and views. Members and students were gifted with a beautiful photographer's cap.

**Participation in Other Activities:** Dr. Anjandev Biswas and Sri Rajdeep Biswas acted as judges in the event of Photography in the "Spring Fest 2017" organized by IIT, Kharagpur and received good response.

The students of Basic Course of FOTO UNIT this year also continued organizing a nice Saraswati Puja in the club room. It was a gala event with sumptuous 'prasad'. It was a memorable event altogether. The students of Diploma 1<sup>st</sup> year organized a memorable fresher's welcome this year. Hope this kind of initiatives will continue in the following years to come.

**Salon Participation:** This is an exceptionally good year for us. During last couple of years Members of DDFUA attended many National and International Salons. But the achievements this year is mind-blowing. Countless acceptances and hundred plus awards were received by the members & students of FU. But above all, the FU Salon Team has brought us the glory with BEST CLUB AWARDS. Let us review it once again:

1. **AGCP INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT (2016/344-346): BEST INDIAN CLUB AWARD**
2. **2<sup>nd</sup> BPC International Salon 2016(2016/404): BEST CLUB AWARD.**
3. **F2 CIRCUITO 2016 (2016/242, 2016/243, 2016/244): Among the top 5 clubs from across the globe.**
4. **APA National Salon: BEST CLUB award**
5. **MPC National Salon: BEST CLUB award**
6. **JCM Circuit 2017: BEST CLUB Award**

**Our biggest Achievement:**

**India's no: 1 Club at 31<sup>st</sup> FIP Inter Club contest 2016**

**Financial Status:** The audited financial statement is attached herewith. (Appendix- 1)

**Introduction of new members:** Seven nos. of new member has been inducted in the last year. We have embraced all of them for infusing new energy to the club administration with a view to the future development. Wish all of them will uphold the legacy of FOTO UNIT and move forward to new lengths. Following is the list of new members:

- |                        |                      |                       |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Abhishek Saha       | 2. Basudev Mondal    | 3. Debashish Ganguli  |
| 4. Chandan Kanti Ghosh | 5. Ranjan Kanti Das  | 6. Rajiv Saha         |
| 7. Pinki Ghosh Guha    | 8. Pijus kumar Dutta | 7. Abhinandan Bhaduri |

In this regard, it has been seen that many members are inactive and inert. We may need to revise our membership rules and regulations.

**Affiliations:** FOTO UNIT has become the proud member of FIAP & PSA along with FIP.

**End Note:**

There are lot of good experiences to cherish in the year we passed by. But there are problems also to be addressed in the years to come. There is need to introduce fresh blood in the day to day operation also, so that the institution can cope with the time and thrive ahead. We hope that our new members will come forward to take the charge voluntarily in concordance with the old members who can guide them in the right direction.

We are grateful, to all our Patrons for their continual help, to all our Members for their persistent perspiration and motivation, to all our students for their friendly co-operation. We are also thankful to the other organisation like FIAP, PSA, ICS, FIP, Belgharia Photo Club, Aurobindo Balika Vidyamandir authority, Smt. Suparna Sengupta, Sri Prantik Roy and many other person and organisation who are very supportive to us during this journey to excellence.

*Shri Asis Mitra*  
**President**

*Dr. Anjandev Biswas*  
**Secretary**