



**Department of Social Work
Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan
Documentary and Short Film Competition**

Rules and Regulations

Theme: “Co-Building Hope and Harmony: A Harambee Call to Unite a Divided Society.”

(World Social Work Day will be celebrated on **17 March 2026**. The theme for this year, ‘*Co-Building Hope and Harmony: A Harambee Call to Unite a Divided Society*’, highlights the vital role of social work in bringing people together across communities, cultures, and systems to shape a more inclusive and sustainable tomorrow.)

Purpose of the Competition

- ✓ To develop social awareness and critical observation among students.
- ✓ To encourage creative expression of social issues through photography.
- ✓ To promote empathy, advocacy, and responsible representation.

Eligibility

- ✓ Open to all students of Visva-Bharati only.
- ✓ Individual participation OR Group only.

Submission Requirements

1. Each participant / group may submit 1 submission only. Multiple entries are not allowed.
2. The video must relate to the theme.
3. Accepted formats: MP4.
4. The film must be of highest quality possible.
5. The duration for the short film must be from 3 minute – 15 minutes.
6. Adult content of any kind will not be entertained and would lead to direct disqualification.
7. The short film must be original and no watermark of any kind should be on the film.
8. Video can be colour or black & white.
9. File naming format: Participant Name_Title.
10. Films in Language other than English desirable to carry subtitles in English.

Originality & Ethical Guidelines

- ✓ Video must be taken and mastering by the participant.
- ✓ No AI-generated, downloaded, or stock images allowed.
- ✓ Colour Correction, Matte and other necessary editing may be allowed.
- ✓ Heavy manipulation or adding/removing elements is not permitted.
- ✓ Respect privacy and dignity of individuals.
- ✓ Consent is required if a person’s face is visible.

- ✓ Do not exploit vulnerable communities.
- ✓ No disturbing, violent, offensive, or inappropriate content.
- ✓ No political or religious conflict-based images.

Code of Conduct

- ✓ Ensure no harm, disturbance, or exploitation occurs to the animals during the process.
- ✓ Represent individuals and communities with dignity.

Department Safety Rules

a. Consent & Privacy

- ✓ Participants are fully responsible for obtaining necessary permissions or consent from subjects.
- ✓ The department is not liable for any privacy or consent issues.

b. Sensitive Content Restrictions

- ✓ No graphic violence, nudity, or emotionally harmful scenes.
- ✓ Photos of children require strict parental/guardian consent.
- ✓ The department is not responsible for any legal issues arising from such photography.

c. Participant Responsibility Clause

- ✓ Participants are responsible for their own safety, legality, and behaviour during the work.
- ✓ They must ensure the act of video-graphing does not cause trouble or risk.

d. Copyright & Misuse Disclaimer

- ✓ Any copyright violations, unethical submissions, or misuse will lead to disqualification.
- ✓ By submitting, participants allow the department to use photos for academic and exhibition purposes, with credit.

e. Evaluation & Results

- ✓ Winners will be announced in the Department website later.
- ✓ Certificates/prizes will be awarded to top performers.
- ✓ Due credits must be given to the cast and the crew in the film though the final prize would go to the director(s)/ producer(s).
- ✓ Top 3 Selected video will be published in the University/ Department website/ YouTube page.
- ✓ In case of any issues the Judges' decision is final.

f. Details of submission

- ✓ There is no entry fee for this competition.
- ✓ The google link for Entry Form can be downloaded on the notification area, here below:
www.visvabharati.ac.in/home/socialworkhome/
- ✓ The film must have to be submitted through the Google Form (<https://forms.gle/owEp8XpQJq4y5hvg5>) before **March 17, 2026 12:00 PM** or directly submitted to Audio Visual Unit, Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan in a removable drive/ pen drive on or before 12:00 pm.
- ✓ Department has the right to cancel the competition for any unavoidable circumstances.