



# A Competition of CREATIVITY

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From February 7 to 11, Intra NSU Art & Photography Competition and Exhibition 2016 took place in the NSU Recreation Center and the NSU Exhibition Center. The event was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor (in-charge) of NSU, Dr. Gour Govinda Goswami, Nasir Ali Mamun, a renowned photographer of Bangladesh and Dr. Emdadul Haque, Director, Student Affairs, NSU.

This event of North South University Art & Photography Club (NSUAPC) has been hosted since 2000 and has always been an occasion for NSU students to show their talent in art and photography while competing with their peers.

This year saw NSUAPC hosting the largest yet Intra NSU Art & Photography Competition and Exhibition. For the first time, artwork and photographs were displayed together, along with a collection of vintage cameras and photography books written by prominent photographers of country and abroad. Moreover, the categorisation, judgement and curation process for the exhibition was done differently than the previous editions. Mobile phone photography was submitted, which was a very welcome change. Instead of using frames, the selected photographs were being displayed on glass panels and doors of the exhibition venue, both on the inside and outside. This way, the photographs could be viewed from within the hall, while they stole admiring looks from those who passed by outside the venue.

The yearly event reached a new level this time, breaking all previous records.

After submissions of 1022 stunning photographs and 35 creative artworks, 75 photographs from 38 photographers and 20 artworks from 9 artists were selected for the exhibition. Portfolio presentations from the likes of Imam Hasan, Hameem Shakhawat and Rahul Talukdar provided the participants and the crowd a lot of insight into the art of photography.

Saud Al Faisal, a pioneering character in the photographic society, and Ashraful Awal Mishuk, professional photographer and faculty member, Pathshala South Asian Media Institute, were the judges for the photography competition. Hamidur Rahman, Senior Lecturer, Department of Architecture, NSU, judged the artworks. A total of 16 awards were given in different categories such as Life, Portrait, Architecture, Conceptual, Landscape and Mobile. Three awards were given for the best artworks exhibited.

The closing ceremony was held on February 11, 2016, where the winners received their prizes and were treated to a grand buffet dinner. The President of the club, Nasimul Islam Abir spoke to SHOUT about this year's event.

"We were delighted seeing the tremendous response we got from NSUers and we hope to come up with more distinct and creative events in future. I thank the NSUAPC members, administration, sponsors, judges, and all those who were involved in making our biggest in-house exhibition reach a new level," he said.

Artisan Outfitters Limited was the gold sponsor for the event, while Noman Group and ENOC Lubricants co-sponsored respectively. SHOUT was the English Print Media partner of the event.

# How to Waste Time on the Internet

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Seeing as Facebook exists, wasting time online should be easy, right? But sometimes even social media and YouTube can get boring.

No worries. Next time you have an internet connection and a lot of time, you can waste it on these things instead:

**SIX DEGREES OF WIKIPEDIA:** Choose a target article, and click Random Article. You can only click on links to other articles on the page, and within six clicks you have to get to the target article. I chose 'Adolf Hitler' as the target article, and it went like this: ApprenNet>Columbia Business School>Manhattan>Ethnic Groups in Europe>Germans>Adolf Hitler

If you get really good at this, reduce the number of potential clicks. You can also compete with friends!

**MAKE-A-SUPERHERO:** Visit Superpower Wiki ([powerlisting.wikia.com](http://powerlisting.wikia.com)). Click Random Page. That's your superpower. Make up a superhero identity and backstory based on that. Click Random page again. That's your main villain's superpower. Make up a backstory for him/her too. Now plan how you can defeat the villain!

**PUPPIES!:** If you just want to unwind in the company of cute animals, go to [www.sanger.dk](http://www.sanger.dk). The site is basically a pug puppy licking your computer screen. Proceed to d'awwww.

**TV TROPES:** Just visit [tvtropes.org](http://tvtropes.org), a website dedicated to the common tropes that appear in all kinds of pop culture and examples. The site is practically a time machine which will drop you off to a few hours in the future.

**UNLEASH YOUR INNER NEO:** Visit [hackertyper.com](http://hackertyper.com). Type random gibberish, and green, technical looking code(which actually doesn't work) will appear on the black screen. If you want to roleplay a Matrix character or just pose as a hacker, this site is for you.

**REGRET NOT HAVING AN INTERNATIONAL CREDIT CARD:** Go to [shutupandtakemymoney.com](http://shutupandtakemymoney.com), which has a collection of the most attractive useless (and expensive!) stuff from around the web. A good site to fish for ideas.

**ADD SOME ATMOSPHERE:** Nothing adds to the atmosphere like the sound of pouring rain. [rainymood.com](http://rainymood.com). That is all.

**EXPLORE INTERNET HISTORY:** [archive.com](http://archive.com) has a diverse collection of material from the relatively short but eventful history of the internet. Browse old webpages, games, videos and all kinds of other stuff.

**GET RECIPES YOU PROBABLY ARE TOO LAZY TO MAKE:** Tell [supercook.com](http://supercook.com) which ingredients you currently have, and the site will generate a list of recipes that use those ingredients. A useful first step in learning to cook.

**TAKE A ROLLER COASTER RIDE:** And you can even take control! Go to [www.barcinski-jeanjean.com/entries/line3d/](http://www.barcinski-jeanjean.com/entries/line3d/) (Just google 'line3d', click the first link), and you can control a solid line that moves through space like a roller coaster. Protip: Use a mouse.

**PAINT LIKE JACKSON POLLOCK:** If you think Pollock's paintings are just random splotches of colour, you can (maybe) prove yourself right by visiting [manetas.com/pollock/](http://manetas.com/pollock/) and creating your own Pollock-like paintings. Click to change colour.

**POP BUBBLE-WRAP BUBBLES:** One of those rare activities that every person loves. Go to [virtual-bubblewrap.com](http://virtual-bubblewrap.com) to do it online.

**BROWSE THE USELESS WEB:** Visit [theuselessweb.com](http://theuselessweb.com), click 'Please'. Every time it will take you to a different simplistic time-wasting site. Make it your homepage, and you will never get anything done ever again.

