Shikha Varma

A fortuitous, self-taught photographer with a unique perspective, a short filmmaker of intense sensibilities, and a woman of substance who loves the pale blue dot (Earth) and wants to contribute to its well being – I am Shikha Varma; Indian by birth, global in spirit and a resident of Bahrain for the past 14 years!

As they say, "better an oops than a what if!" – so, I have never had second thoughts before trying difficult, different and diverse things; from flying a Cessna to a stint as a Radio Jockey, I have done it all.

Presently, I am on the Board of Directors of the American Women's Association (AWA) Bahrain. I am also the Chairperson of Shutterflies which is a one-of-a-kind Photography Group under AWA – it has been an absolute pleasure to share my very own perspectives and tricks of the trade with photography enthusiasts in Bahrain.

My photography carries the watermark 'Shiks Cliks', and it has graced the walls of numerous galleries and exhibitions. A few of my shots have earned awards as well! Landscape and nature photography are my favourite genres.

I fervently pursue short film production, which has been a natural progression of photography for me. It has been a stimulating journey of seeing the world through a third eye and a sixth sense! Two of my creations have won screening laurels from famous International Film Festivals. My recent short film was based on social distancing.

I feel honored and humbled to have been featured in prominent local magazines. Beyond creative accomplishments, I have always tried to give back to the society through community service as a Committee Member of two key charitable organizations in Bahrain – AWA and ALHG.

I have organized an ocean cleaning program for AWA with Clean Up Bahrain. It was an attempt to make the audience aware about the dangers of plastic in oceans through a powerful poem and a musical play.

I travel a lot and through my photography try to give a glimpse of the natural beauty all around us. I also do poetry on environmental and social issues.

You too are cordially invited to have a glimpse of my art and connect with my vision through the channels below:

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