Morning Pictures

By Virginie Vlaminck



Welcome to Virginie's daily experience in Chennai, India. This tremendous photographer has taken up the challenge of taking one photo each day, seven times a week with the purpose of capturing India's madness. This collection is known as 'Morning Pictures' and has been going on for almost three years now.

Each photo is taken during her morning walk while she is cleaning the beach; this is why these pictures are taken with her mobile phone. Though each photograph takes place at similar locations, each photo has a distinctive difference and new story to tell.

The story is that India cannot be identified through one photo: it differs per day, per weather, per location, per situation and most importantly per person. Virginie comes into contact with a multitude of people that share a piece of their lives with her. Virginie Vlaminck manages to capture the beauty within each day with an innovative and different narrative to show.

Next to her daily challenge of a morning picture, Virginie takes this time to share information about keeping Chennai clean and teaching the individuals she meets about reducing their carbon footprint and cleaning up after themselves, while filling one bag of garbage on the beach herself.

Through her morning pictures Virginie has managed to meet a lot of interesting people, but has also learned to create bonds with individuals she sees more often. Photography has become a medium in which is she is able to develop connections with people she usually might not interact with while learning more about the Indian culture along the way.