

CURRICULUM VITAE

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LANGUAGES SPOKEN : **English, Marathi, Hindi**

- Dedicated service for 32 years in Indian Navy.
- Developed liking in photography at the age of 10 for livelihood
- Trained for advanced photography in International Workshops
- Extensive work in the various fields of photography such as nature, wildlife and aerial photography.
- Special interest in heritage and environmental preservation. Has conducted many nature workshops for World Wild Life (WWF) - India, Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) and Photographic Society of India (PSI) for photography development, and nature and heritage awareness.
- In-charge . Photography . Asiad 1982- yachting
- Established .Nature club. for naval officers, sailors and civilians in 1995.
- **Photographic work recognized by past and present Presidents of India, Prime ministers of India and Defense Ministers of India.**
- **Letter of appreciation from Former President of USA . Mr. Bill Clinton**

Achievements

Pioneer in developing following photographic specialties in India.

Aerial Photography

Infrared Photography

Panorama Photography

Records

1. First photographer to have aerially photographed more than 8500 Km of coastal India and Ladakh region for topographic documentation, heritage and environment.
2. 62 feet print panorama of Mumbai . marine drive (Queen.s necklace) displayed during world photo fair in Mumbai . 1999- is now permanently displayed on Vikrant Museum. (Limca book of records-2001)
3. First exhibition on aerial photography in India 1996. (Limca book of records- 2001)
President of India Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's remarks on Gopal Bodhe.s Photography "Excellent photography with creativity"

Publications

Books -

1. Goa - A View from heavens . First Indian book on aerial photography.
2. Sea forts on west coast - Maritime history society - Mumbai
3. Mumbai - A view from Heavens
4. Maharashtra - A view from Heavens
5. Lakshadeep - A view from Heavens
6. Maharashtra - Ancient Trade Routes.
7. Goddess Mahalaxmi Temple - Kolhapur
8. Portraights of India's Lighthouses
9. Fountain of Humanity - Shegaon
10. Ebook of Maharashtra
11. Ebook Shegaon
12. Forts of Maharashtra - A Bird's Eye View.

Articles - Journals

1. Aerial Photography - Top of the world - Vignette Jan. 1999.
2. Birds eye view - Sanctuary - October 2001
3. Flying High - Better Photography - Aug 1998
4. Bird eye focus - Asian Photography - January 2000
5. Uses of Infra Red film - Times Journal of Photography, Aug. 2004

Newspapers

1. Articles on environmental awareness on various newspapers.

Workshops - Photographic

Nature, wildlife and other branches of photography Mumbai University 1989
Photographic workshops for International Photofair in 1997, 99, 2001 and 2003
Photographic workshops all over the state under auspices of BNHS and WWF
Workshop by Indian Heritage Society . The changing skyline 2002

Exhibitions

Wildlife - Six exhibitions including for BNHS for wildlife awareness amongst society especially in school children.

Mumbai - A Birds eye view - A photographic exhibition on aerial photography of Mumbai. More than 7 exhibitions all over Goa and Maharashtra were held in last 8 years with over 2 lakh visitors.

Goa - A View for Heavens - A photographic exhibition on aerial photography of Goa. More than 10 exhibitions all over Goa and Maharashtra were held in last 2 years with over 3 lakh visitors. This was carried out in collaboration with Govt. of Goa for special drive for environmental protection and promotion of Ecotourism in Goa.

Slideshows and talks on photography

Slide shows and talks on aerial, wildlife photography in various sections of society for nature awareness. Rotary clubs, KEM hospital, Advertising and Industrial Photographic Association of India, PSI and other social organizations in India

Awards

1. Special recognition award in Photography . International Photofair 2004
2. Chief of Naval staff recognition award . 1999
3. Certificate award . All India Photo fair 1999
4. Special award . Thane Municipal Corporation 2001
5. Award by Tarun Bharat Kala Academy Goa . 2002

Press reviews -(attached)

“Gopal Bodhe narrates that there is more than sun & sand to this earth and this view from heavens throw a fresh dimension to the splendor and grandeur that a viewer can not reach”.

The Day View - Nashik

“Gopal Bodhe is pioneer in aerial photography in India and the photos are mesmerizing”

Sunday Midday

“Aerial photography is the most challenging and gives .glimpses of paradise on earth”. With chopper’s vibration, noise and air pressure at around 500 feet height and time constraint, one has to focus at exact moment, capturing its image, its angle and framing to perfection. It was unlearning of one.s perspective of a place which when viewed from different angle bringing about loveliness in its full glory. Gopal lets out his love for this country, its historical background and its natural beauty..

Times of India

“Here is a different way to look at Goa. One that goes beyond beaches, temples, churches and wines. This is a pictorial journey that Bodhe undertook to document the scenic state’s topography”

Indian Express

“Navy lens man photographic tribute to Mumbai”

Afternoon . 1996