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I have been blessed with dedicated and innovative teachers since my primary education. The teacher who addressed us as his kids and not as students, who ensured all round development of kids i.e. academic, sports, swimming, shooting, elocutions and so on. This grooming in childhood paved the way for understanding different facets of life and choosing the right path forward in life.

I started my career after acquiring specific knowledge and qualifications in information technology. I dabbled in business activity with this knowledge and helped others to earn a living. Participation in various trade fairs and exhibitions pan India along with various conferences widened my spectrum of knowledge which lead to my overseas employment in Africa, in the same field. This led to a consultancy firm based in Nagpur which was necessitated by the then prevailing family circumstances. Ultimately, I landed in Yalamanchili Software Exports Ltd, a Singapore based company specializing in payment cards software solutions as head of business development.

My inquisitive nature and urge to understand the surroundings led me to photography resulting in purchase of first camera in 2013. My inclination towards arts was cultivated due to influence of my uncle who is a graphic arts painter, whose paintings are displayed in Rashtrapati Bhavan and who has held his solo painting exhibition in Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai.

I have been experimenting with divergent subjects in photography like wildlife, birds, portraits, landscapes and macro. I freely indulged in experimenting with my subjects just to identify my mistakes. Study of photographs taken by experts taught me perfect composition of images. Various books on photography widened my focus and angle for proper images and their compositions.

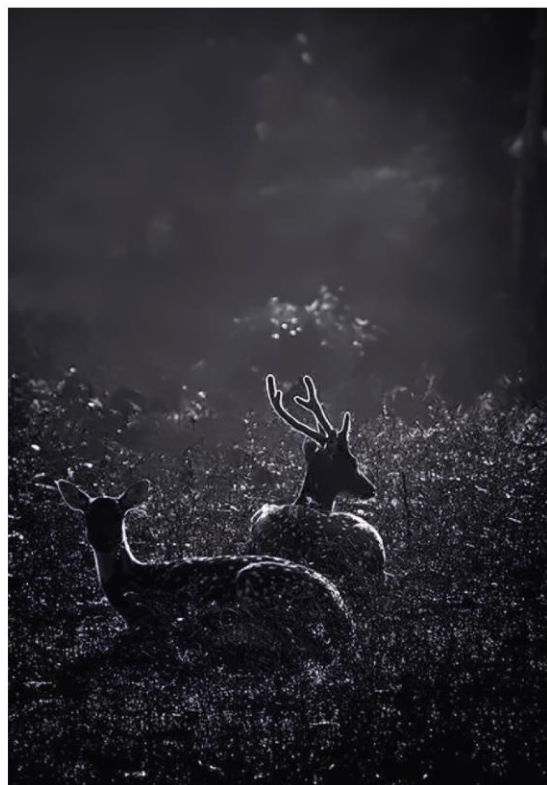
I have attended number of workshops and seminars on photography by experts like Sameer Ashraf which helped me in understanding the skill which was further fine tuned during various photography tours with mentors like Chandrakanth Kamath and Dheeraj Paul. Their inputs in the form of various tips in these sessions helped me in achieving better results.

My photographic urge has made me travel a lot to capture stories in my camera and to make pictures. I have visited numerous places as below:

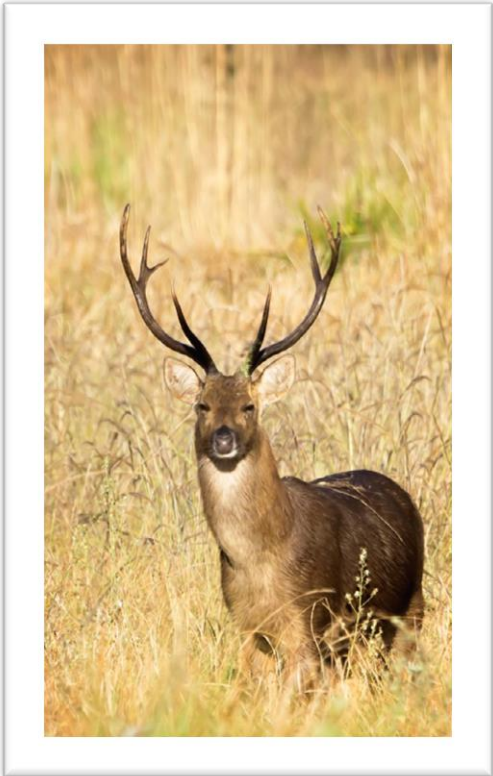
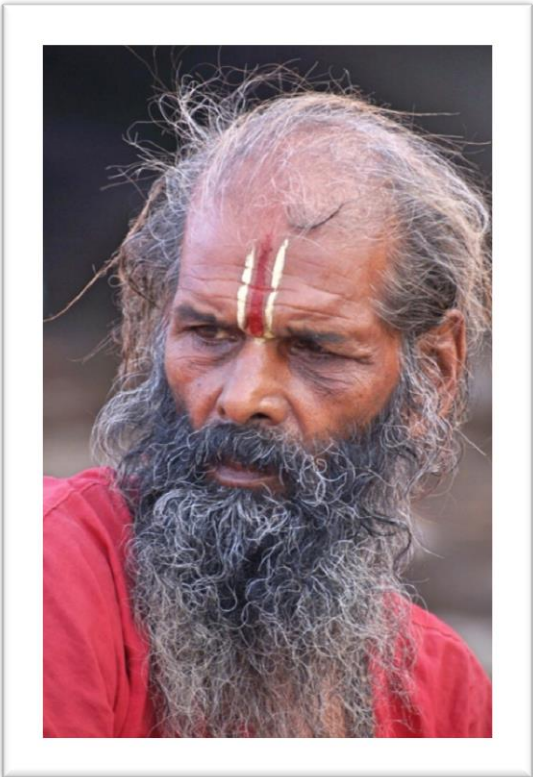
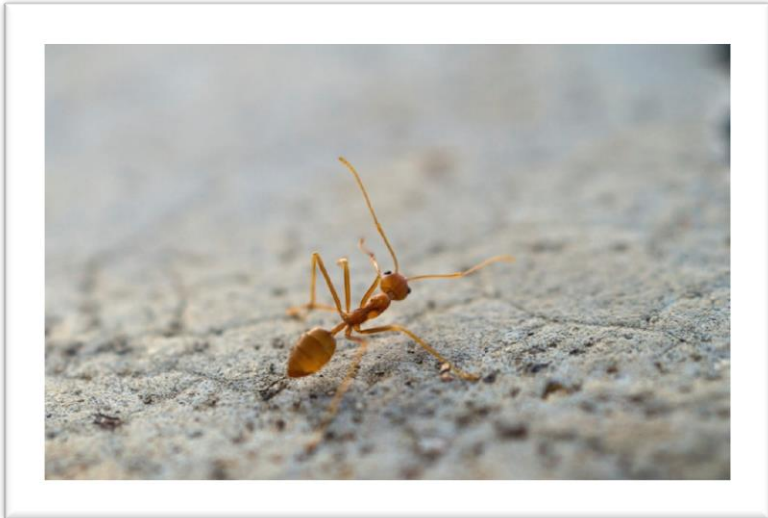
- Wildlife and Birds: Pench, Tadoba, Kanha, Bandhavgarh, etc
- Landscapes: Ladakh, Manali, Dalhousie, Kerala, Konkan, Andhra Pradesh, etc
- Religious Places: Kumbh Mela at Nashik and Ujjain, Benaras, Golden Temple, various temples, churches and mosques throughout the country
- International Visits: UK, UAE

I have won few photo contests and my work has been exhibited in couple of shows in India and Singapore. One of my photos was adjudged as first place winner in an online photo contest conducted by Sony Alpha Community.

I am now looking forward to explore other genres of photography like sports, commercial and documentary. I am also keen to share my experiences and knowledge with others. Keeping this in mind, I conducted my first workshop at a forest resort in May 2016 for two days at Pench Tiger Reserve. It was attended by participants from different places like Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad, Chennai and Nagpur. I am now planning to conduct similar workshops and other locations and also to arrange photo tours.







Testimonials & Feedback

First of all I would like to thank you once again for the effort you put in over the two days and helping us to understand the basics. Especially physics behind camera and practical experience while on the field you're keen to help and explain each settings on camera in layman's language. It was a truly great experience for each of us. I will surely recommend this to a few of my friends who I am sure will love to be a part of this program.

Thanks and regards

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You have been guiding us throughout the tour on wildlife as well as how to photograph the same. We had capture good pictures of wildlife at Pench and enjoyed a tour lot..Your arrangement was so perfect that we didn't have to worry about food and stay. Your experience helped us to get benefit out of each minute of all 3 safaris we had.

Ninad, Thanks for making it memorable!

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The amount of knowledge shared by you regarding sanctuary & species also on photography was really good. Learned loads of new things about wildlife & its behavior.

All arrangements exceeded our expectations. Looking forward to do more adventurous trips with you.

Thank you again!

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