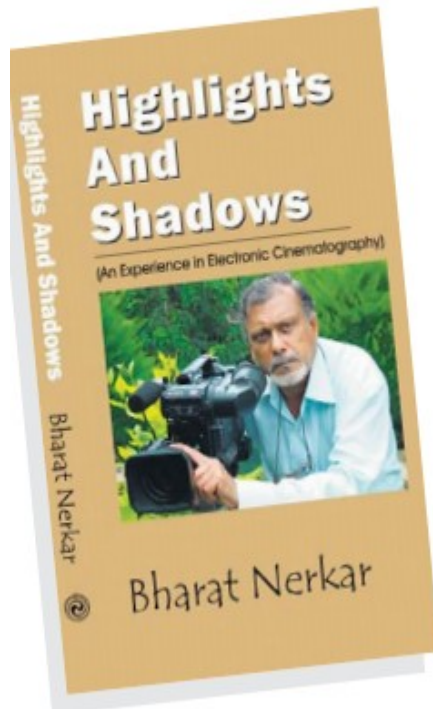


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Noted cinematographer Bharat Nerkar, an FTII graduate and faculty, will release his book, *Highlights And Shadows* in the city today

# THE REEL VIEW



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To become a good cinematographer, one has to master the camera's art and its technique. And sharing his knowledge and experience with others through his book, *Highlights And Shadows*, is noted cinematographer Bharat Nerkar.

Nerkar, who is an FTII graduate, has done cinematography for many popular TV serials such as *Chunauti*, *Amanat*, *Virasat*, *Campus*, *Challenge* and *Humrahi* in his career spanning two-and-a-half decades.

He has also worked for a documentary on Shammi Kapoor titled *The King of Romance* and done many short films including a biographical film on noted Gandhian Manibhai Desai.

Nerkar says, "After working for so long in television and the film industry, I wanted to document my experiences with aspiring lensmen. I was writing the book for the last five years in the form of a diary. The book is a biographical textbook which speaks about art and

technique of camera and how it can be used for visual communication."

"I have tried to explain the technical terms in simple language. There is a visual comparison as just like for a painter, colour is the most important element, for a cinematographer, light is an important element of visual design," he says.

Nerkar adds, "If one follows a technique then they can express themselves better. If you have a handycam, you should be able to use it more cre-

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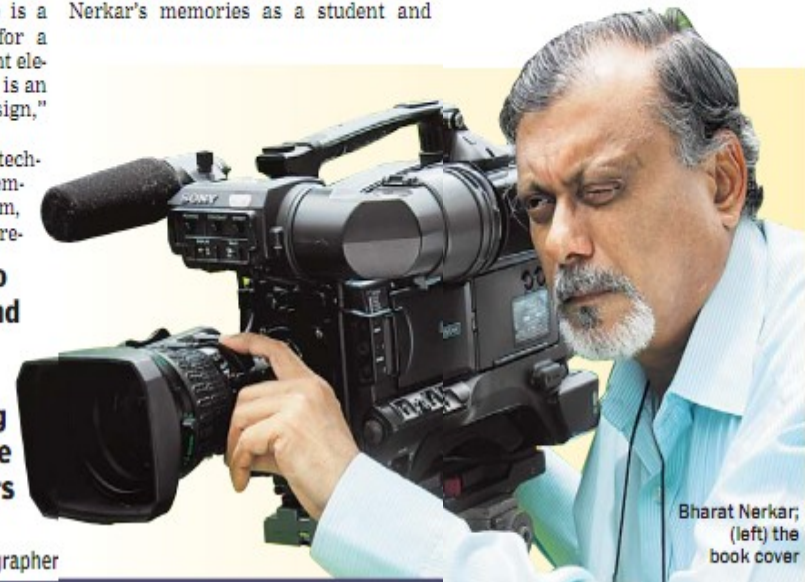
atively. The book also talks about how one can use camera movement dramatically.

The book also has a chapter on Nerkar's memories as a student and

faculty at FTII. "It's a compilation of my experiences and lessons in cinematography."

The book will be released at FTII preview theatre on Wednesday at 6 pm. FTII director DJ Narain will be the chief guest. Noted cinematographers RM Rao and Kohang Chang will be present.

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Bharat Nerkar; (left) the book cover