



A pictorial travelogue of Maharashtra's forts

young generation," says Bodhe, an official photographer with the Indian Navy.

There are forts in Maharashtra, Daman and Diu. There is one located 10 kilometres off Marmora in Goa and another Portuguese fort, also in Goa. There is also a startling view of forts located right inside the heart of Mumbai. Then, there is

Etched in stone

AFTER coffee-table tomes on Mumbai as seen from the skies and on the country's lighthouses, aerial photographer Gopal Bodhe is presenting an exhibition of photographs of as many as 40 Indian forts. Titled *Girivedh 2007*, the extraordinary photographs tell the tale of Maratha warriors, the battles of the minnows against the Mughals and the superior construction of the hill-top citadels. "I hope this exhibition will not only help document and preserve our glorious past but also play an important role in creating awareness and in reviving an interest in history in the hearts of the

Shivneri, where Shivaji was born, and Rajgad (this was the first fort to be built from scratch by the Maratha king's men in 1648). Kondana—renamed Sinhagad or Lion's Fort after it witnessed the sacrifice of Shivaji's trusted lieutenant Tanaji Malusar—and Korlai, 18 kilometres south of Alibaug and built by the Nizamshah in 1530, have also been snapped. The pictures are accompanied by interesting bits of historical trivia. The exhibit will be held at the P L Deshpande Maharashtra Kala Academy, Prabhadevi, from February 3 to 8.