



# PRODUCT & FOOD PHOTOGRAPHY

## WEEKEND

**Duration : 10 WEEKS (16 Classes)**  
(8 weeks Theory & practicals + 2 weeks studio practice)

**Fees : ₹ 43200 (one-time payment)**  
*(plus govt. taxes as applicable)*

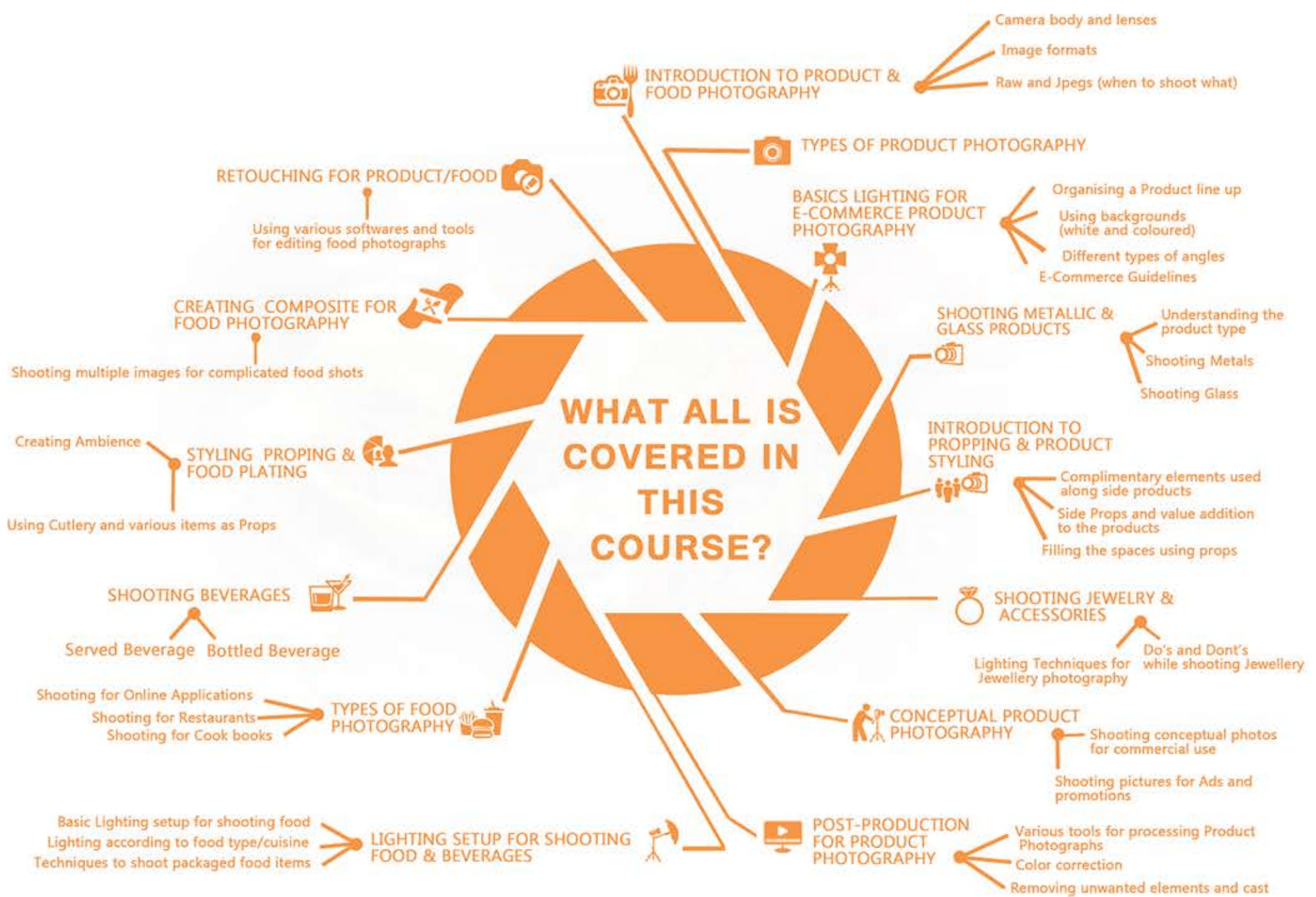
## WEEKDAYS

**Duration : 1 MONTH**  
(Full time)

**Fees : ₹ 54000 (one-time payment)**  
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**Food and product photography** The course would consist basics of both food and product photography as well as some of the advanced techniques to shoot them. This course is aimed at those who are looking forward to shooting products for e-commerce companies and food items for food delivery apps. Conceptual Food photography for restaurants as well as conceptual product shoots for campaigns, banners etc.

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# THE KEY TOPICS OF PRODUCT & FOOD PHOTOGRAPHY



## Introduction of food and product photography

As various other genres of photography, food and product photography have also evolved with time. There are various types of food and product photography and all of them require a different kind of preparation, execution, and post-production. The idea is to first understand where food and product photography stand against various other types of photography.



## Idea creation & Pitch making

If there is any specific kind of product or food, for example, a jewelry collection or any location-based cuisine; how to shoot them in a connecting series and what elements to keep in common while shooting them plays an important role. Coming up with ideas to shoot them and pitching them to the clients is equally important as any other stage of the photographic process.



## Jewelry Shooting

Shooting jewelry is as tricky as it can be. Whether you are shooting jewelry for cataloging or you are creating an ad campaign, shooting jewelry can be a tedious job. The size of the product, the quality of the jewelry, its textures and elements, all of it plays a crucial role. Shooting jewelry is a task in itself.



## Basics lighting in food and product photography

There are various categories in this type of photography itself, understanding what light is good and what light isn't used at all while shooting these items or commodities is equally important. There are basic lighting styles to shoot them for online selling and there are more complex lighting styles to shoot them for magazines or advertising.



## Catalogue Photography

Catalog photography is done to show a series of a product on any platform, be it for selling it on E-commerce or for presenting them to clients for any organization or any magazine. For food photography, the same could be done for online food delivery applications or menu designing. These are shot against a simple plain background and not much of propping is required for catalog shooting.



## Conceptual Shooting

Banner shooting and campaign shooting go hand in hand. Both of such shooting techniques require pre-planning, propping, background selection, lighting styles to be decided beforehand. A mood board can also be made to make the workflow easier and more efficient. Conceptual shooting also lets the photographer have a decent degree of creativity & liberty and hence it can be much more rewarding in terms of final output and could be mutually beneficial for both the client and the photographer.



## Requirement & Equipments

Shooting these products requires pre-planning, execution, and post-production. There are props required, backgrounds and a lot of miscellaneous items to shoot both food and product differently. These requirements and equipment are also the very product or food item based.



## E-Commerce shooting using a light cube

This is the most common and widespread used technique to shoot products for an e-commerce platform. A light cube box comes in various sizes, depending upon the product one can choose from many sizes available. A light cube box diffuses the light and makes it uniform from all sides to prevent uneven highlights and reflections. It also helps to remove any shadows that are falling on the product due to uneven light conditions or shape of the product.



## Product / Food Styling

What should be the style of photography, lighting style and how to shoot, additional elements to include, locations to choose, background, propping, etc. are all included in styling. For example, if one is trying to shoot a cuisine, what all elements are to be included, how the plating would be done, what additional elements could be used, the cutlery to be chosen, what should be the side props and so many other things come into picture. Procuring everything before a shoot is as important as shooting it and styling lays the foundation of how a shoot would proceed further on.



## Prepare a Look Book

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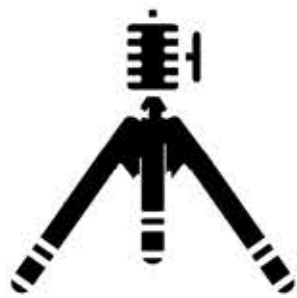
## Retouching

Shooting just photographs of food and products may not be as appealing as it can be. Processing them takes these photographs a notch up. Various techniques are required even in food and product photography to make these pictures look better. In this, we study and practice various software and tools required to make these photographs look better and remove any error in the pictures that are made during



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In this course however, all you would require is a camera, a lens, a tripod and preferably a flash. Other miscellaneous items and props are available at the college for the students to learn and practice.



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## CATALOG PHOTOGRAPHY

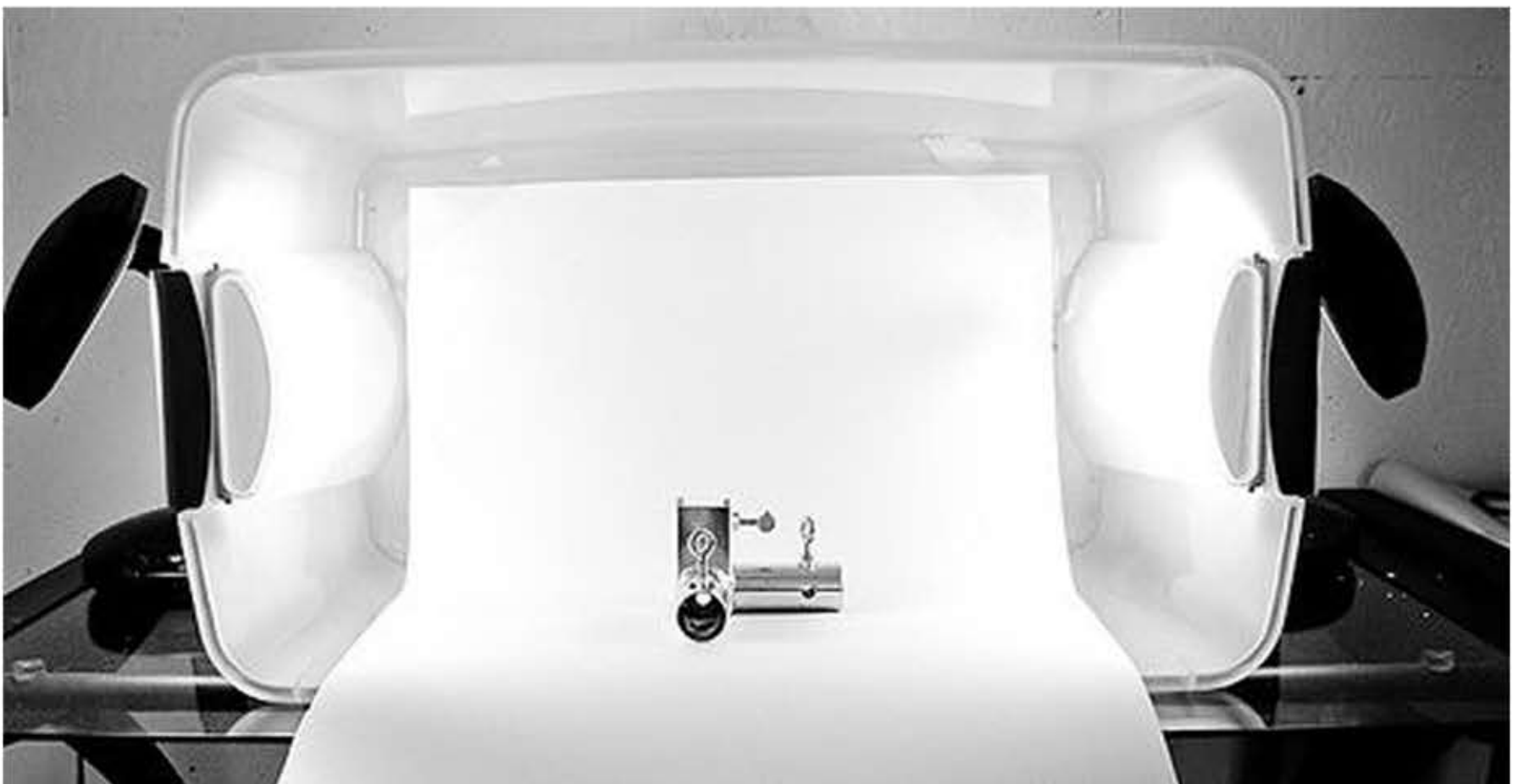


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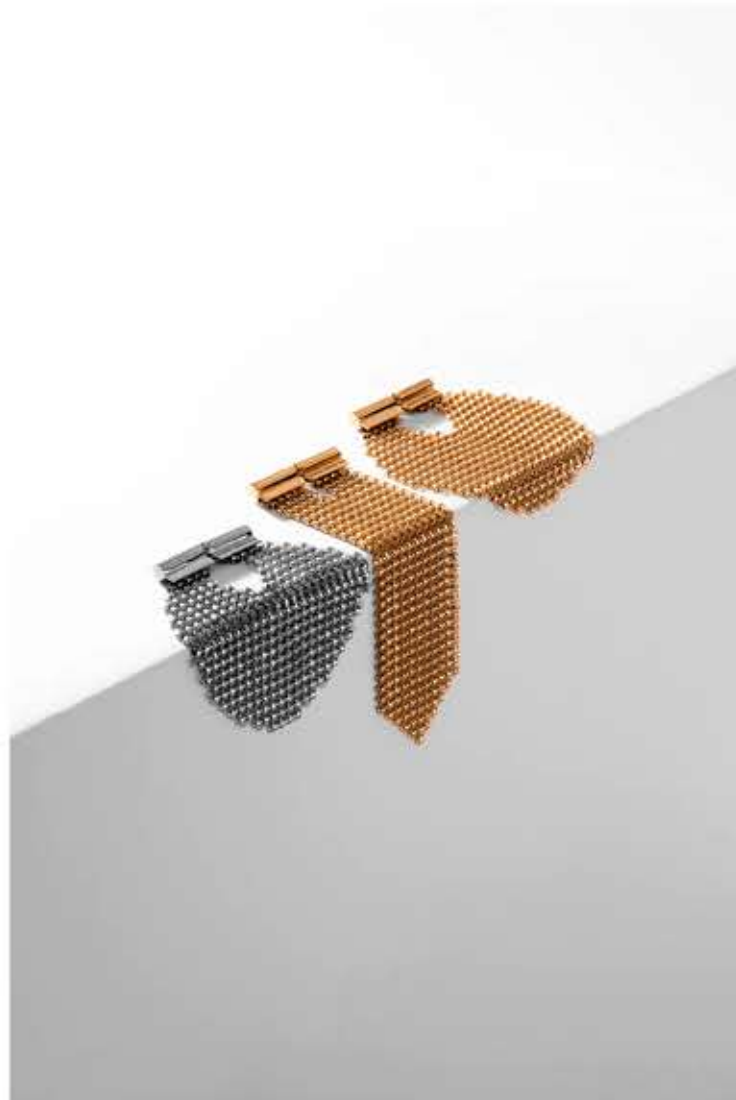
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## STYLING & PROPPING



Styling and propping is a method to place elements that compliments the food or product but at the same time doesn't take away the attention from the main subject in the photograph.

It requires study of various elements and colors to be used and procurement of right props that goes well with the subject you are shooting. It may seem dicey at times but you could hire a stylist if the project requires.



## SHOOTING FOOD

Food photography is shooting photographs of food and beverages items for any client. The client could be a restaurant, a resort or any online food selling platform. There are various ways of shooting any food item, for ex. You may shoot photos with plain back ground for any online selling platforms or you could be shooting high end photographs with lot of elements according to the demand of the project.

Shooting food is tricky as there are various types of food items that looks very different, you have to bring out the texture of the food and so much.





## SHOOTING BEVERAGE



Beverages comes in different packaging. The usage of these beverages depends from industry to industry. For ex. there are alcoholic beverages that requires stylized shooting, similarly there are juice bottles, milk or any type of consumable liquid. The shooting techniques required for beverage is very difficult since the shape of the bottles vary and so does the highlights and shadows in the edges and curves of various products.



# SHOOTING METAL & GLASS



Different products have different packaging, they are usually made up of different elements, and are usually shot using different lighting setup and different techniques. Metallic products reflect a lot of light, whereas glass products are highly reflective, therefore it is required to place the lighting right and use the right techniques.

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