Mumbai City Museum North Wing Expansion - Vision Document
Tentative Proposal

Vision | New Galleries

MUMBAI GALLERY

- Creatively interpreting important landmarks in Mumbai’s history post-independence through commissioned artworks
- Platform to showcase a broad spectrum of Indian modern and contemporary art on permanent display
- National and international collaborations for conferences, seminars and events
- Offering the Museum’s diverse audiences an opportunity to engage with the city’s recent past through educational programs

Poster made for the BMW Guggenheim Lab, Mumbai
MUMBAI CREATIVE GALLERY

• Platform for scholars, researchers, collectors, curators to present their work and collections about Mumbai to a wider audience

• Building a knowledge base on the city by creating a public archive for students, scholars and experts to reference and build on

• National and international collaborations for exhibitions, conferences, seminars and events

• Offering the Museum’s diverse audiences, including students, families and scholars the opportunity to engage with the city through educational programs

Photograph of Sans Souci, erstwhile residence of David Sassoon, now the Masina Hospital, Victoria Road, Bombay. Courtesy: The British Library
SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS GALLERY

Platform for variously themed modern and contemporary exhibitions

Encouraging cross cultural dialogue and international relations

Offering the Museum’s diverse audiences, including students, families, scholars the opportunity to engage with the exhibitions through educational programs
DESIGN GALLERY

- Focusing on traditional, popular and contemporary design
- Foregrounding creative practitioners and content for the development of skill and Indian crafts and design
- Encourage employment opportunities and market for national craft and design
- National and international collaborations for exhibitions, conferences, seminars and events
- Offering the Museum’s diverse audiences, to engage with design through educational programs
FILM & PHOTOGRAPHY GALLERY

• This gallery will provide a platform for innovative film makers to showcase their work and photography

• Building a knowledge base around the history & process of film-making and photography

• Programs explaining the cultural history of cinema and placing Indian cinema within an international context

• Create a public archive for students, scholars, experts to reference and build on

• National and international collaborations for programs, exhibitions and events
URBANISM & ARCHITECTURE GALLERY

- Platform for architects, urban designers, city planners and environmentalists to engage in a critical dialogue on space and its usage in the modern metropolis
- Documenting architectural, design traditions and innovations
- National and international collaborations for exhibitions, conferences, seminars and events
- Offering the Museum’s diverse audiences, to engage with the exhibitions through a public archive and educational programs
FASHION & TEXTILE GALLERY

- Platform to conceptually engage with the work of fashion, textile designers, weavers, textile artists and artisans through curated exhibitions
- Innovative programming with artists and artisans
- Building a public archive on the history of fashion & textile design
- National and international collaborations for exhibitions, conferences, seminars and events
- Offering the Museum’s diverse audiences to engage with the exhibitions through educational programs
Vision | New Spaces

RESEARCH CENTRE & CHILDREN’S LIBRARY

- To enable the research and study of the city and region for a deeper understanding of our cultural context and make it available across the world

- Creating historical and contemporary archives

- Building a digital archive for greater online & public accessibility

- Children’s library and resources centre

Museum of Contemporary Art, Australia
Interactive learning space at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia

- Digital and multi-media platforms interactive machines, video and audio kiosks
- Interactive games, educational activities and family art and craft stations
- Outreach programs for Municipal Schools and NGOs
- Multi-lingual programming focussed on diverse age, interest and language groups
- Addressing the existing lacuna in cultural and heritage education
CONSERVATION LAB

Conservation Centre at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

- The Conservation Lab is essential for preserving and maintaining the collection
- Advanced technological standards
- Provide services to local collectors and other museums in Maharashtra
- Study space to house a small conservation institute
The Artefact Storage facility – is part of the Collections Centre where museum objects are stored in a climatically controlled environment & conditions

Collections in storage on view for visitors as open storage
The Sculpture Garden will be an outdoor space abutting the Museum entrance for displaying public sculptures both historic and contemporary.

The Sculpture Garden will have changing outdoor exhibitions.

The Sculpture Garden will be an important green recreational space for citizens of Mumbai.
The Auditorium will enable Museum audiences to engage through film, video and multimedia facilities with different cultural practices.

- It will provide a platform to engage large groups in debate and discussion on important issues.
CONFERENCE ROOM

- Platform for scholars, researchers, collectors, curators to present their work to a wider audience
- Building a knowledge base on the city by creating a public archive for students, scholars and experts to reference and build on
- The conference facilities will double as an interpretative space for children and adult groups visiting the Museum
MUSEUM SHOP

- Provide visitors with options for souvenirs inspired by the Museum’s collection
- Accessible via an e-commerce platform
- Specially designed products that interpret cultural traditions and art forms

Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam
MUSEUM CAFE

The Getty Museum Café, Los Angeles

- Visitor amenities are essential to enhance the quality of visitor experiences
- Cafe as a recreational space
- Local Mumbai cuisine menu
MUSEUM RESTAURANT

Restaurant at the Asia Society Museum, Hong Kong

- An indoor family-friendly Restaurant
- Fine dining, cuisine to showcase India’s gastronomic variety