

A day at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya





Field trip on 26th June 2025, a memory
for all Std X students 😊

INTRODUCTION

- There are various types of statues and idols in the museum.
- The museum is built using the architectural styles of various cultures.
- The architecture of the museum from the exterior is inspired by the western style while the dome on the top symbolizes the Islamic culture.
- In the interior of the museum there are 6 major pillars constructed using the himalayan style while the first floor is designed as a Maharashtrian wada.
- This museum is 103 years old.
- There are more than 70,000 objects and artefacts in the museum but only 5 to 10% are on display.
- The Prince of Wales built this museum to showcase culture, heritage and history.
- From 1905 to 1914 the museum was being built.
- During this period World war -1 was on and the museum was being used as a hospital.
- Later in 1922 it was open for the public to visit.
- The architect of this museum was George Wittet (he had also built the Gateway of India).
- The museum was built using the Indo Saracenic architecture and it is thus so diverse.

STONE TOOLS

We were given an orientation lecture on stone tools and we were also given a chance to touch those tools.

We learnt about various types of stone tools such as:

- Hand axe - Used to kill big animals
- Hammer stone - Used to shape other stones as well as to kill small animals
- Clibon stone - Used to skin the animal and to crush bones and seeds
- Selt - Used to cut vegetables





While exploring the natural history section.....

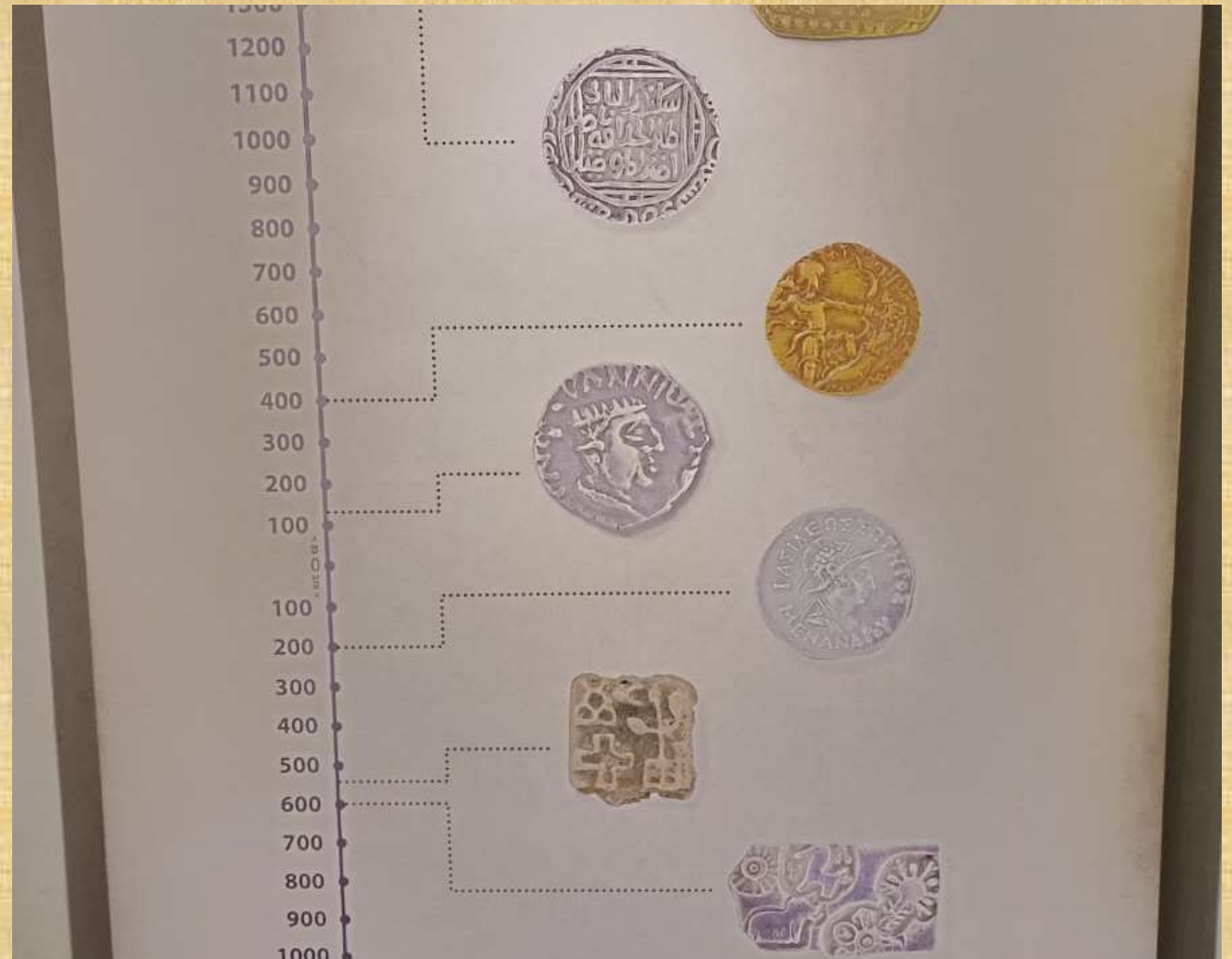
- The museum also has a section dedicated to Mumbai - The city of opportunities.
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Next is the section displaying coins from different eras:

- Punch marked
- Post Mauryan of northern India
- Indo Greek
- Indo Scythian
- Indo Parthian
- Kshatrapa
- Gupta
- Deccani



- South Indian
- Delhi Sultanate
- Mughal
- Post Mughal
- Indo European
- Indo Britishian
- Princely States

They also had on display some currency notes

They also had a section on Shringara : Adornment

We also learnt about some terms used in the ancient periods

Pandan - betel leaf box

Thewa - dressing table

Shabti - the servants for afterlife



- There were also various sections narrating the Ramayana stories woven in thread.
- There were wooden masks on display.
- Several pictorial depictions of prose and poetry in miniature paintings.
- There were paintings from Thanjavur and other places of south India.
- Indian metal and decorative art gallery.
- Chinese and Japanese art gallery.
- And finally the European art gallery.





SOME MEMORIES
WITH OUR
TEACHERS.....



Bright smiles while watching the museum.....

A rhino is one of the largest animals. They are killed by poachers for their horns, which are sold in black markets for a high price.



Museums use taxidermy as a method to record species, including those that are extinct, threatened in the form of study skins and life-size mounts.



Taxidermy is a way of preparing and stuffing an animal for studying. It involves an animal's original skin over a fake body, to make the animal look alive.



These are some and rare collections featuring ancient Indus Valley artefacts that date back to the 3,000 B.C.





This is a 2,000-year-old Mummy that has been in the museum's collection since the early 20th century, comprises of certain human remains and wood.

Ancient Chinese Sculptures



Roundup

- We all learnt a lot of new and different things, like taxidermy, mummies, ancient stones, history of the diamonds and other exciting things.
- Overall, the field trip was very educative, interesting and informative.
- Signing off in an amazing way, ***our last field trip from school!!!***

THANKYOU!!!

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