{ A CITY IN ARCHITECTURAL DETAIL }

New glossary offers vibrant vocabulary to appreciate Mumbai's colonial buildings

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MUMBAI: Very few books about Mumbai will make you look at a building and observe its tiny details: the slatted ventilators of a timber-framed bungalow, the different columns that support a Neo-Classical structure, or the inner ribbed dome decorating the historic CSMT. It may all seem like architectural jargon at first, but architect-educator couple Mustansir and Smita Dalvi's new book, 'Glossary of the Architecture of Bombay', attempts to both demystify and simplify it, helping articulate the built heritage of the city. Supplemented with meticulous illustrations by architect-graphic designer Shah Faisal and photographs, the book is second in a two-part series, published by the CSMVS—the first, titled 'Glossary of Indian Islamic Architecture'—that draws from the couple's expertise on the subject.

The idea for this book came from a need expressed by a few archaeologists who while well-versed in the history and background of buildings, sometimes lack the vocabulary to describe their architectural details and other technicalities. "We were asked if there was a possibility of getting something to carry along with them while visiting buildings and sites in the city, so that they could understand what type of structure they were looking at and identify its different parts," says Mustansir, who has previously edited '20th Century Compulsions', a collection of early writings on Indian modern architecture.

Mapping heritage

The suggestion led the Dalvis to consider creating a glossary that would, in effect, name the different parts of the variously styled buildings that dot Mumbai. Except that they didn't want it to be a conventional glossary, comprising an alphabetically-ordered list. "We wanted to organize it thematically," says Smita, an expert on Islamic architecture and aesthetics, and author of 'Celebrating India in 75 Buildings'. "For this particular book, the natural choice was to look at the different styles of architecture that emerged in Bombay, and create a glossary for each."

As the authors write in the book, Mumbai's building types are "often contradictory, often oxymoronic" and yet stand shoulder to shoulder. Also fascinating is that some of these different architectural styles emerged simultaneously in the early 19th century: Domestic Vernacular, Neo-Classical and Neo-Gothic.

The construction of Neo-Classical (example, The Asiatic Society of Mumbai) and Neo-Gothic (CSMT, University of Mumbai) structures resulted from the British implementing the cut-paste approach, bringing everything happening in England to India. "At the time, England was witnessing the 'Battle of Styles'. Architects were fighting amongst each other over whether Neo-Classical was the better style to use or Neo-Gothic. While no conclusions were made, both ended up being used. And, both had their phases in the city," explains Mustansir.

Authors Mustansir and Smita Dalvi have decoded the architectural styles and structural details of the city's built heritage in 'Glossary of the Architecture of Bombay'. RAJU SHINDE/HT PHOTO

Local style

The authors are, however, thrilled about highlighting the often overlooked "Domestic Vernacular" in their glossary. Though quite diverse in terms of material and design, it came to be used as an umbrella term for the architectural style embraced by ordinary people. "The citizens of the city were also building for themselves, and they were not necessarily building in the same style as their colonial masters. They brought their own techniques, styles, construction, methodologies and skills, from wherever they came from, to build houses, shops, temples and mosques. When a more rural kind of architectural knowledge comes to a city, it gets adapted in the most interesting way," says Mustansir. The aangan (central open courtyard), jharoka (projected window with jalis) and mori (small wash area for utensil washing and bathing) among others were expressions of this style.

During the latter half of the 19th century, British India "became a vast laboratory of architectural experimentation," and that's when the Indo-Saracenic style, heavily influenced by Islamic architecture, took root. Decades later, in the early 1930s, a new visual language—Art Deco—was sweeping through cities all over the world, and Bombay's architects immediately latched on to it.

Though the book broadly explores architectural styles, its language, the authors say, cannot be understood in isolation. "This formal language of architecture has a backbone of structure," says Smita. "It is this structure, its structural systems and construction elements that actually define the formal aesthetics of a building or its type."

The book, hence, examines the structural systems that governed the construction of these buildings—load-bearing masonry and framed structures. Load-bearing structures, where the loads of the building were transferred through their walls to the foundations, were found in the Domestic Vernacular style, Neo-Classical, Neo-Gothic, and Indo-Saracenic styles. Whereas, Art Deco was made possible by the "widespread adoption of reinforced concrete construction".

The glossary also served as an opportunity to clear up several misunderstood ideas related to architecture.

"One major misconception is that Islamic architecture is synonymous only with Mughal architecture," says Smita, adding that several Sultanates all across India, before or contemporary to the Mughals, were equally prolific and had significant output in terms of their buildings. Islamic architecture also seems to be notably remembered for its arches and domes, which she says is too limited a way of seeing it.

"Indian Islamic Architecture uses different systems of construction, as well as incorporates varied elements, which influenced a lot of traditional Indian architecture that followed. The glossary shows a lot of that diversity."

The Dalvis hope that this illustrated book will not just be useful to architects, archaeologists, and students of art and design, but also anyone curious about Mumbai's built history. "We don't want readers to just identify an element, we want them to identify an element in the company of other elements, because that gives you an idea of the entire architectural system." This knowledge, they say, doesn't just make us better observers, but more discerning appreciators of our buildings.

('The Glossary of the Architecture of Bombay' will be launched at the Nalanda Learning Centre, CSMVS, on August 29, 4 PM)

Local environment activist says Sher Shah Suri tomb in 'danger' due to drainage discharge from residential areas. FILE PHOTO

Sher Shah Suri tomb at Sasaram suffers erosion

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SASARAM : The 16th century tomb of Sher Shah Suri at Sasaram, a 122-foot-high red sandstone mausoleum built in the middle of an artificial square lake, is repelling tourists due to unbearable stench and has been suffering from erosion.

Local environment activist Dadan Pandey said that the structure is in 'danger' due to drainage discharge from residential areas embanking its inlet and outlet canals. The dirty waters and stench are not only damaging it with harmful chemical erosion but disturbing visitors too. The primary cause is severe water contamination due to the non-functional historical drainage system that once brought clean canal water in and drained dirty water out. It has been disrupted for the past few years. The lack of a proper filtration and cleaning mechanism allows stagnant, toxic wastewater to build up.

The Patna high court directive issued to the district administration and Archaeological Survey of India in November 2008 to preserve the monument and sanitise the pond regularly has yet to be complied with, Pandey added.

A large number of fish were found dead in the pond on Thursday. Contractor and fisherman Dina Chaudhary said that approximately eight to 10 quintals of fish valued around four to five lakh rupees have died in the pond due to the contaminated water.

The ASI assistant conservation officer, Amrit Jha, also attributed the unbearable stink, erosion and death of fish to the lack of water filtration. The heavy pollution and foul odour from dead fish severely impact visitors coming to view the mausoleum.

Rohtas district magistrate Deepak Kumar Mishra said that after assuming office, he initiated steps for a permanent solution to this problem. The water resources department has prepared a project—and finalised the tender—to install a pump station at Beda Canal, bring in water via a pipeline and discharge the contaminated water through an outlet. "Soon, the water in the mausoleum's pond will become clean, thereby attracting tourists," he added.

NIA ARRESTS MAN FOR SMUGGLING ARMS INTO BIHAR FROM NAGALAND

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NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency, in a joint operation with Bihar STF, has arrested an absconding accused as part of its probe in a case pertaining to the recovery of an AK-47 rifle and live ammunition, officials said on Sunday.

The accused, identified as Karamullah, was arrested from Bihar's Saran district on Saturday, they said.

Karamullah allegedly conspired with other co-accused to smuggle sophisticated prohibited-bore weapons from Nagaland to Bihar, with the intention of disrupting public peace and safety, and endangering national security, according to a statement issued by the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

The case was initially registered at the Fakuli police station by Bihar Police on May 7, 2024, to probe the recovery of one AK-47 rifle with lens and live ammunition from Murghatiya Bridge in Muzaffarpur. The state police had arrested four accused persons as well.

The case was subsequently taken over by the NIA.

After completion of investigation, NIA filed its first supplementary chargesheet against four accused persons -- Vikash Kumar, Satyam Kumar, Devmani Rai and Ahmad Ansari -- on May 8 last year, the statement said.

Sudha Murty pushes for UNESCO World Heritage status for Barabar Caves

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JEHANABAD : Philanthropist Sudha Murty on Sunday visited the ancient Barabar Caves in Bihar's Jehanabad district and advocated their inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage list, officials said.

Murty, a noted author and Rajya Sabha MP, arrived at Jay Prakash Narayan International Airport in Patna on Saturday. "I have come to Patna after over two decades, and it pleases me to see the progress here over time," she had said after her arrival.

According to a statement issued by the Jehanabad district administration, Murty appreciated the construction techniques, artistic excellence and historical significance of the rock-cut caves.

She particularly praised the mirror-like polish on the cave walls and the distinctive sound and echo effects inside the caves,

MURTY, WHO VISITED THE SITE ON SUNDAY, APPRECIATED THE CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES AND ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE OF THE ROCK-CUT CAVES

describing them as examples of advanced engineering, scientific thinking and craftsmanship of ancient India, the statement said.

Murty also appealed for the Barabar Caves to be included in the UNESCO World Heritage list, saying this would help the ancient site gain greater global recognition, it added.

She was accompanied by the sub-divisional public grievance redressal officer and the district art and culture officer during her visit.

CM pays tributes to freedom fighter Raj Kumar Shukla

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PATNA : Bihar CM Samrat Choudhary on Sunday paid tributes to freedom fighter Raj Kumar Shukla on his 151st birth anniversary. The programme at Bihar legislative council premises commemorated Shukla, often recognised as a driving force behind the 1917 Champaran Satyagraha.

"Due to the tireless efforts of Raj Kumar Shukla, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi came to Champaran in Bihar and led the historic satyagraha to liberate farmers from the atrocities of the British. The Satyagraha gave a new direction to India's freedom movement," the CM said.

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"Request for Proposal (RFP) for Technical Consultancy Services for Obtaining Environment Clearance, Coastal Regulation Zone Clearance and Other Applicable Statutory Clearances/Permissions for Expansion of Lakhpat Thermal Power Station (2 x 125 MW to 500 MW) and Associated Township, at Nani Cher, Taluka Lakhpat, District Kutch, Gujarat.

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Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL), the concessionaire of CSMIA, Mumbai is inviting accredited agencies to submit their EOI for **"INTERIOR FACADE & MEPF WORKS OF AIRPORT TRAINING CENTER & GUEST ROOMS PROJECT AT TERMINAL-1 OF CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI MAHARAJ INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, MUMBAI"**
Interested agencies are requested to visit the website, **www.csmia.adaniairports.com** and obtain the EOI documents.
EOI documents shall be available for download till 5:00 pm IST on 31st August 2026.

Girl chased, shot at by 2 armed men in Danapur

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PATNA : Two armed criminals allegedly chased a minor girl and shot her in front of the Arya Samaj temple near RPS More under Danapur police station on Sunday evening.

The bullet hit the girl's right shoulder where she was admitted to a private hospital for treatment.

Police said that the incident occurred around 4.30 pm. Two criminals chased the girl and she entered a tailor's shop. She hid behind the tailor, saying, "Uncle, please save me." The two armed miscreants chasing her reached the shop and told the tailor to send her out, threatening him. Meanwhile, one of the miscreants started pulling the girl outside. As the girl fell to the ground, the second miscreant opened fire on her, hitting her in the shoulder. After shooting her, both miscreants fled while brandishing their pistol. The bullet struck the girl's right shoulder, said a police officer.

Upon receiving information about the incident, station house officer (SHO) Prashant Kumar Bhardwaj arrived with a police force and began investigating. The police are examining the CCTV footage near the crime scene, which revealed two miscreants.

Danapur SDPO-1 Ajit Kumar said that nearby CCTV footage is being examined, and the case will be solved soon, he added.

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Bids for Watershed Development Works are invited from interested bidders up to **05.00 PM** on **31.08.2026** as per following details. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** or **https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** or **https://watershed.rajasthan.gov.in**) bof the state departmental website.

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Sl. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Quantity	Due Date	Due Time
1	0326RC04	Main Compressor 1750/1745 LPM with Motor	125 Set	10.09.26	14:00
2	03264538	MDL PWR 68817AX I AA-Inverter for Auxiliary Converter	8 Nos	14.09.26	14:00
3	03264541	VIU Card of BHEL make IGBT power converter, BHEL material	6 Nos	14.09.26	14:00
4	14255008B	Cable 150 Sq. MM (Red, Yellow, Blue in equal quantity) Thin Walled Flexible Elastomeric with Copper conductors	9497 Mtr.	21.09.26	14:00
5	14261092	Regulated Battery Charger for LHB-AC Sleeper Coaches	52 Nos	21.09.26	14:00
6	14264728	Diesel Loco Starter Battery, 8V, 500AH-LM Lead Acid Battery.	246 Nos.	14.09.26	14:00
7	14261526	Brushless DC Railway carriage fan (sensorless) 400mm sweep; 110 V DC	3597 Nos.	14.09.26	14:00

Note: All the above-mentioned tenders are e-tenders and all tenderers are requested to submit their bids on-line through the IREPS website at **www.ireps.gov.in.** All corrigendum to above-mentioned tenders shall also be published online in IREPS website only. For more details regarding the above-mentioned tenders and other supply tenders please visit IREPS website.

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Indian Oil Corporation Limited (A Maharatna Company under Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) is seeking applications from competent contractors for various jobs related to Laying of PE Pipeline Network, Last Mile Connectivity (LMC) and Direct Marketing Agency (DMA) works for PNG connections in the geographical area of Muzaffarpur, Vaishali, Saran and Samastipur District of Bihar (Muzaffarpur GA)

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Time: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Working days)
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Delhi Police arrests man from Aurangabad in banking fraud

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NEW DELHI: Police from Delhi arrested a man, accused in an APK-based banking cyber fraud case from Aurangabad in Bihar, an officer said on Sunday.

The accused, identified as Shashikant Kumar, was apprehended from the Madanpur area of Aurangabad, he said.

According to police, Kumar was allegedly part of a cyber-fraud network that sent malicious APK files to victims and used mule bank accounts to route the cheated money.

The accounts were allegedly procured from villagers on the pretext of providing gas connections and other benefits. Kumar managed the fraud proceeds, retaining a commission and transferring the remaining amount to associates. One mobile phone and SIM card were recovered from him.

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Details may be obtained on website: **uktenders.gov.in** from 3:00 PM on 24.08.2026. **Pre-bid meeting will be held at 12:30 PM on 31.08.2026.** Prospective Bidders may seek clarification till 3:00 PM on 29.08.2026 through E-mail:**adventurewingutdb@gmail.com** with CC to **procurement.utdb@gmail.com.** Any Addendum / Corrigendum including date extension will be uploaded on **uktenders.gov.in**. Proposals must be submitted online through **uktenders.gov.in** only. The last date for submission of proposals is 14.09.2026 till 3:00 PM.

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