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A Citi - CSMVS Outreach Initiative

'If you cannot come to the museum, the museum will come to you'

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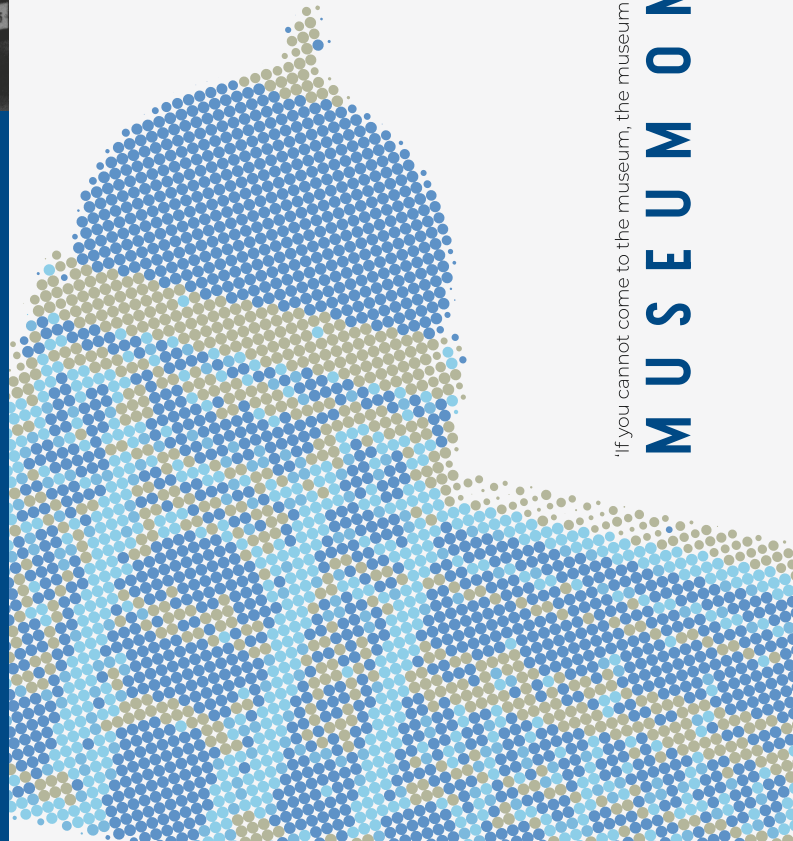
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# About CSMVS

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Mumbai (CSMVS) is one of the premier art, archaeology and natural history museums in the country. Situated on the southern tip of Mumbai, on the 'Crescent Site', the Museum building is one of the finest landmarks of the unique Indo-Saracenic architectural style – a combination of Hindu, Islamic and western architecture, evolved by British architects in the late 19th century.

The Museum houses over 70,000 artefacts with a variety of objects from pre-historic to contemporary times, from Indian as well as of foreign origin, that form an encyclopedic collection. Besides these, the Museum has a separate Natural History section as well.

2022 marks the completion of 100 glorious years of CSMVS - a landmark, not only in the history of the Museum but also for the cultural movement of the country. In these 100 years, it has fulfilled its aim to create awareness and sensitivity towards heritage through its acquisitions, collection research, and a visitor-friendly experience for the purposes of education, study and enjoyment. It is not a mere building but a vibrant cultural institute. In 2015, the Museum on Wheels initiative was started as a unique outreach program to reach out to people who cannot come to the Museum.





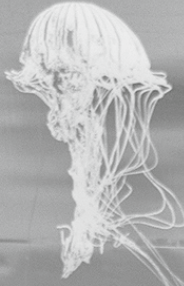
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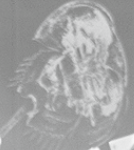


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# What is the Citi-CSMVS Museum on Wheels Outreach Initiative?

The Citi-CSMVS Museum on Wheels initiative, now over 6 years old, furthers the Museum's outreach activities through 2 state-of-the-art buses that travel extensively in the city, suburbs and rural India, carrying exhibitions on a variety of themes. The customized air-conditioned buses are fully equipped with display cases for objects, demonstration kits, art supplies, audio-visual equipment, and digital interactives. The buses host exhibitions on specific subjects, which change periodically. The buses are equipped with a ramp for wheelchair users and has CCTV surveillance for security purposes .

The exhibitions and activities are FREE of charge.

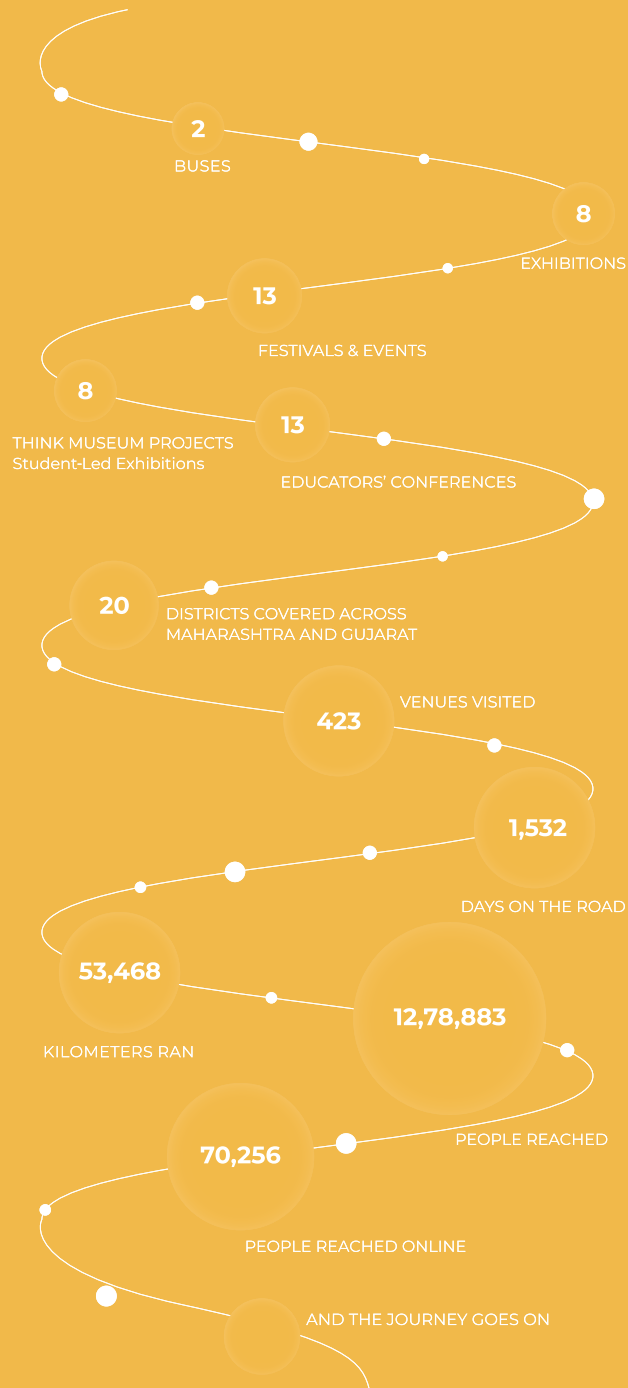
The buses travel to Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat and Karnataka in urban and rural venues. Schools, colleges, cultural institutions, museums, historic sites, fairs, housing complexes, neighborhoods, malls and Government departments can invite the bus to be at their venue to be enjoyed by children, families and communities.

The first bus was supported by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India in 2015 and its operations are supported by Citi. A second bus was added to the fleet in 2019 with Citi's support.

Our buses are safe and sanitized regularly as per government Covid-19 protocols which are updated from time to time. All Covid-19 related guidelines are followed strictly.



## Our journey so far (2015-2022)



## What is inside the buses?

The buses are equipped with interesting, informative and interactive exhibitions on historic, artistic, scientific and social themes. Each exhibition showcases object replicas from the museum's vast collection, information about them, digital interactives, hands-on activities and also handouts and activity sheets which visitors can take home with them. Our education facilitators give guided tours of exhibitions and also talk about the project and the themes to aid understanding.

The whole experience is FREE of charge.

*The Museum bus was a treat not only for my students but other faculty members as well! Exposure to history and culture in such a fun way will definitely encourage children to pursue these subjects in the future. A very innovative initiative!*

- Anjali Verma, Educator



# Past Exhibitions

- **The Magic Workers of Harappa**  
October 2015 – April 2016
- **The Big Indian Toy Story**  
July 2016 – February 2017
- **As It Happened: Sources of Studying History**  
March 2017 – September 2017
- **India and the World: A History in Nine Stories**  
November 2017 – April 2018
- **Barter to Banking: The History of Indian Money**  
July 2018 – April 2019
- **Fossils: Impressions of the Past**  
July 2019 – March 2020

Visit our website, [csmvs.in](http://csmvs.in) to know more about these exhibitions.

# Current Exhibitions

## **Bus 1 - 100 years of CSMVS (Centenary exhibition)**

On 10th January 2022, CSMVS completed its 100 years' of glorious journey and this exhibition is a celebration of the Museum's rich collection and cultural significance.

## **Bus 2 - In-Tune: The Journey from Sound to Music**

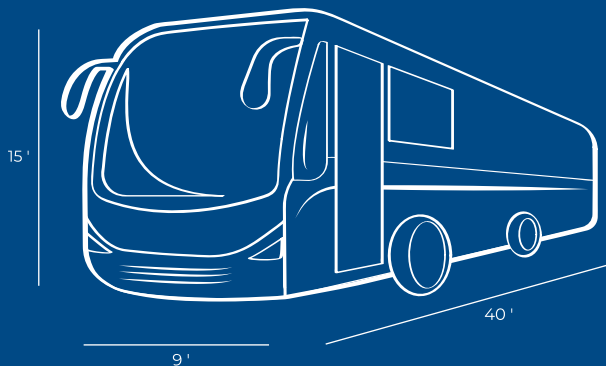
This exhibition attempts to draw a bridge between the scientific and aesthetic aspects of music, enabling visitors to enjoy the experience of interacting with various musical instruments.

*We got to learn a lot about what a museum is and how it functions. This is the first time we got to see a moving exhibition and the staff took us around and told us lots of interesting stories.*

- Nimrit, School teacher



## Bus Dimensions 40 x 15 x 9 (ft)



# Get Involved in the Think Museum Project

The Think Museums Project is an extension of the Citi-CSMVS Museums on Wheels outreach initiative. It takes the idea of outreach a step further by enabling students to create and host museum-like exhibitions for learning and knowledge sharing. Through this initiative students interact with the museum curators and educators to come up with their own exhibition ideas and to create their exhibition narrative.



## **Thinking Stories with MET Rishikul, Mumbai**



Students of seventh and eighth grades from MET Rishikul were mentored to conceptualize and curate this exhibition as part of the Think Museum Project. They created fictional connections between objects of their choosing, conjuring a world of make-believe using museum objects.

## **Journeying into the mind's creativity with Vissanji Academy, Mumbai**

20 children of seventh grade from Vissanji Academy created individual 'mini exhibitions' of ideas that matter most to them. To illustrate their ideas, children used museum objects and some new media from the present day. These were put together as one virtual exhibition as stages of the children's creative process.

Scan the barcodes to experience the exhibitions.

*If your institution would like to participate in the Think Museum Project, please write to us at [mow@csmv.in](mailto:mow@csmv.in). The project requires involvement of students and teachers, as it is an immersive learning experience.*

## **'Nirūpan': Animals in Art with St. Xavier's College, Mumbai**



Students of the graduate program at St. Xavier's were mentored to curate an exhibition drawing from a selection of replica objects from the Museum's collection. The students resonated most with themes around animals and their depiction in prehistoric art, and a virtual exhibition was designed to present their curation.





