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With exactly a week left until International Museum Day on May 18, Bangalore stands proud as a hub of historical treasure troves. Scattered throughout the city, Bangalore hosts a myriad of captivating museums, calling all who revel in unravelling the narratives of yesteryears to embark on a thrilling journey of exploration.

In Bangalore, museums come in a diverse array, some of which are found nowhere else but in the Garden City itself. While cultural, political, and war museums are well-known, Bangalore offers enthusiasts a rich tapestry of repositories delving into unconventional histories, such as aviation and mental health.

As the countdown to May 18 continues, Our Bangalore presents five exclusive repositories that not only preserve history but also infuse it with a unique twist, promising to ignite the historian within you. Read on...

The Indian Music Experience (IME)

Billed as India's only interactive music museum, IME is a space that aims to make music accessible, appreciable, and understandable. Located in JP Nagar's Brigade Millennium complex, IME offers a series of exhibits, performances, and learning activities that make the space interactive at each stage. An initiative of the non-profit Indian Music Experience Trust, supported by the Brigade Group, it is also the first-of-its-kind museum, spanning 50,000 sq. ft., with interactive, permanent, and temporary exhibits spread across three floors.

The 10 exhibits on a tour explore various facets of Indian music, from the traditional to the contemporary, while spaces for performances include a performance theatre, terrace amphitheatre, and seminar hall. Some unique exhibits in the museum include Daler Mehndi's performance costume, Gharana displays, interactive musical concepts, mechanized puppet displays, folk art murals, kaavad boxes, and more.

Timings: Weekdays (Tue to Fri) 10.00 a.m – 06.00 pm (Last ticket at 5pm); Weekends (Sat & Sun) 11.00 am – 07.00 pm (Last ticket at 6 pm)

HAL HERITAGE CENTRE AND AEROSPACE MUSEUM

Managed and maintained by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL), the HAL Heritage Centre and Aerospace Museum on Old Airport Road is a delightful repository of aviation history. The museum has a photography section chronicling the decade-long growth of aviation in the country, from 1940 till date.

A Hall of Fame is also on the premises that highlights important milestones in the HAL journey. The outdoor section features a display of models of Aero Engines, along with aircraft models such as MIG-21, AJEET, CANBERRA, and more. Additionally, there is a small library on the premises. Visitors can also explore a children's play area, cafeteria, and a space dedicated to sustainability, showcasing solar power systems, windmills, and biogas as alternative energy sources. A souvenir shop is also available on the premises.

Timings: 9 am to 5 pm on all days (Last ticket at 4.30 pm)

VISVESVARAYA INDUSTRIAL & TECHNOLOGICAL MUSEUM

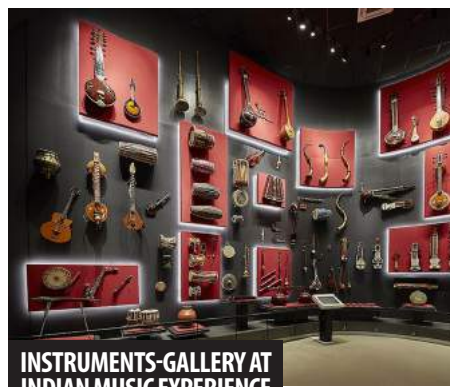
Located in the vicinity of Cubbon Park, the Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technological Museum is a government undertaking



AN OUTDOOR EXHIBIT AT HAL MUSEUM

WALKING THROUGH TIME

As International Museum Day approaches on May 18, Bangalore beckons as the ultimate destination for a distinctive museum experience found nowhere else in the country...



INSTRUMENTS-GALLERY AT INDIAN MUSIC EXPERIENCE

model of Chandrayaan-3. Check out the 3D Show, Science on a Sphere, Wright Brothers' Aeroplane, Science Park, Dinosaur Enclave and Seeds of Culture Exhibition here. There is also a Flyer Simulator that is a great interactive experience especially for children with scientific temper. You can also see exhibits such as ancient gramophones, sewing machines, reaction turbine, steam wagon, Edison's phonograph, and mechanical calculator, among others on the premises. Do not miss the fun Science Gallery as it hosts interesting interpretations on sound, optics, fluids, and perception. A giant piano where children can create music is a bug draw too.

that are changed on rotation, this is also a space for research students. There are many instruments on display too, like the Stanford Binet Intelligence Scale research tool that is used to measure a person's abilities as well as a pressure transducer, a device used in anaesthesia machines. Walking around the space, it is easy to see why this is a premier institution in the space of mental wellness. There are also many infographics that highlight the work, innovation, and contribution of the institution as well as its numerous national and international collaborations.

Timings: 9.00 am-4.30 pm – Monday to Saturday



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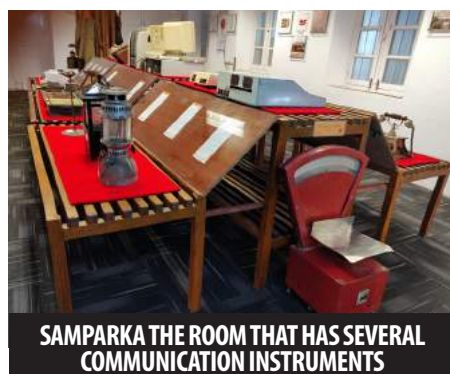
If you are curious to understand what has gone into the making of the world-class mental health space, NIMHANS, a visit to its Heritage Museum is a must. This space, located within the NIMHANS Hospital premises on Hosur Road, has seven zones in the ground level that trace the historical development of the hospital in a chronological sequence. For instance, did you know that this space was the Lunatic Asylum in 1850? The museum traces the journey of the topnotch institute through infographics, artefacts, and narratives.

The use of audio-video and digital technology makes this place interactive as well. From a room that highlights important visitors over the years, there are many stories of the doctors and architects behind the work done at NIMHANS. With several exhibits

SANDESHA - MUSEUM OF COMMUNICATION

If you like all things related to "snail" mail, head to the Sandesha Museum of Communication in Kasturba Road which is an ode to our postal history. Housed in a building that dates to 1865, the museum is managed by the Department of Posts, CPMG Karnataka Circle. The space houses rare stamps, tools and exhibits that showcase the history of the Indian communication systems. Do look out for the telegraph, Morse transmitter and the rare Ansonia wall-clock when here. The display is spread over six halls. The Sandesha room has a large collection of stamps for the themes of Birth of the Nation (1857-1947), Indian culture, and Mysore Anche (1701-1889). There are a variety of stamps that showcase festivals and special occasions. The room called Samparka has a collection of instruments used in communication like the handle-cradle machine, mail bomb detector and petromax light and adding and listening machine among others. The Samparka hall is where you can understand the duties of the postal inspector of the past and shows old annual reports, old mail bags and sorting cases. The fourth gallery Samvahana has the VSAT apparatus used for transferring money orders in the mid-1900's. At the Sangathi hall you can see restored post-office clocks, bags, and weights while the Sangraha hall showcases a philatelic collection including the Penny Black, a philascope and Signascope.

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SAMPARKA THE ROOM THAT HAS SEVERAL COMMUNICATION INSTRUMENTS

established as an ode to Sir M. Visvesvaraya in 1962. There are separate permanent exhibition halls here including the Engine Hall, BEL-Hall of Electronics, Science for Kids, Space Technology Gallery, Science Park, Electrotechnical Gallery, Fun Science, and Biotechnology Gallery.

There are special exhibits too - Mars Rover Opportunity Inauguration and a full-scale