

Gargoti Museum

Asia's biggest natural history museum – a treasure trove of minerals, crystals, and ancient artifacts in Nashik, Maharashtra.





Why Visit?

History Lovers

Ancient artifacts, fossils & crystals

Natural Wonders

Rare minerals & gemstones on display

Time Travel

Revisit the golden period of history



HISTORY

Founded in 2001

India's first and the world's biggest **private mineral & gem museum.**

Inaugurated on **26th April 2001** by Shri Balasaheb Thackeray in Sinnar, near Nashik.

❏ *"Maharashtra is famous worldwide for minerals. I used to spend my holiday searching for them." – Mr. Krishna Chandra Pandey*

The Visionary Collector

Mr. Krishna Chandra Pandey

Aeronautical engineer, Indian Navy – spent **40+ years** collecting gems during his Maharashtra posting

His Mission

Educate young people about history and minerals

The Name

Gargoti = "pebbles" in Marathi; refers to zeolites (boil stones) exhibited here



By the Numbers

13K

Square Feet

Museum area

6

Years to Build

Construction timeline

32

Km from Nashik

Distance from main town

2

Galleries

Deccan Plateau & Prestige

The Deccan Plateau Gallery

Ground floor – the world's richest depository of Deccan zeolites & minerals.

- **Ancient Shells & Fossils**
- **Extinct Dinosaurs & Mammoth**
- **Fluorescent Mineral Display**
- **Statues & Sculptures**



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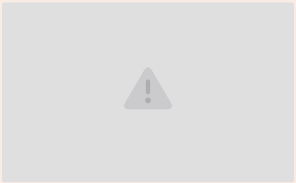
The Prestige Gallery

World's finest collection – some specimens are **60 million years old**. Architecture inspired by the **Indian Parliament**.

- Rare green cubical apophyllite
- Blue-green aquamarines & diamonds
- Cavansite & yellow calcites
- Moon rocks & rare foreign minerals



Main Attractions



Apophyllite

Ahmednagar



Cavansite

Pune



Amethyst Geodes

Brazil



Moon & Mars Rocks

Titanic coal, dinosaur fossils

Visitor Info & Souvenirs

Hours

Mon-Sun: 10 AM - 6 PM

Entry

Indian ₹100 · Foreign ₹200

Photography

Allowed in some areas

Souvenirs

Crystals, jewelry, gem trees, handicrafts



AWARDS & RECOGNITION

World-Renowned

Plans underway to expand across India.
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Pride of India



**Saraswati
Puruskar**



Sinnar Gaurav



**Best Museum
Award**