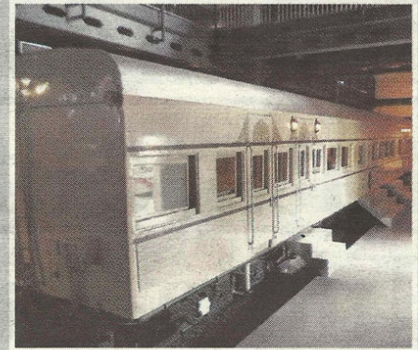


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A 1946 Mercury Sedan and an antique train compartment (top right) are on display at the museum, inaugurated by Haryana CM B.S. Hooda (right) on Saturday.

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THERE'S good news for vintage car lovers. As many as 60 antique vehicles will be on display under one roof at India's first transport museum, which was thrown open for public in the remote Mewat district of Haryana on Saturday.

Constructed by a private company, the first-of-its-kind Heritage Transport Museum is located 75 km from the Capital. The museum's collection includes a 1932 Chevrolet Sedan and a toy cart of 1500 BC. Besides these, a bus, a compartment of an antique train, a chopper and bullock and horse carts are also on display.

Inaugurating the museum on Saturday, Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda said it is a tedious job to collect such a large number of old vehicles and to see such a collection under one roof is a fabulous experience.

"The modes of transportation are an emblem of history, of how people commuted in the past. It is also a symbol of how infrastructure was developing during those days," Hooda said.

Vintage cars

All the heritage vehicles have been collected from different states in the country.

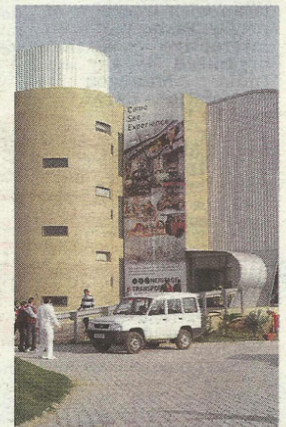
Talking about the museum, its founder and managing trustee Tarun Thakral said: "My journey towards collecting vintage vehicles started in 1994. I have visited almost every state in the country to collect 60 vehicles so far and we are expecting to get 20

₹12 cr	3.1 acres	₹300
Amount spent on construction of the museum	Area on which it stands	price of ticket for adults; it's ₹150 for kids

more vehicles. The goal to start this museum, Thakral said, was to make people aware of the lives our ancestors lived and how

they travelled from one place to another. "Humans are mortal but vehicles are not. It is part of our history which I want to carry for-

India's first transport museum opens in Haryana



Heritage Transport Museum is located in Tawru, Mewat.

ward to our future generation so that they can learn about history," he said and added: "We want to develop this museum as showcase of transportation in India, research, preservation and education.

The construction of the museum was started in early part of 2010 and took ₹12 crore. Fifty per cent of the construction cost was shared by

the Haryana government's ministry of culture while the 3.1-acre land was allotted to the museum by the state government for ₹1 crore.

Apart from vintage vehicles, the museum comprises a library and reference centre, a mini-auditorium, a souvenir shop, seminar rooms and a refreshment lounge. The museum has set up ₹300 for an adult and ₹150 for the children as the fare.

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