

India to have its maiden transport museum soon

Come November 14, India will get its own transport museum focusing on the history of private and public transportation in India.

by ROHIT KAUL

Being built on 3.01 acres land on Bilaspur Taoru road near Manesar, Heritage Transport Museum is coming under Heritage Transportation Trust (HTT), a registered non-profit trust, founded by Tarun Thakral and registered under the Indian Trust Act, 1882.

The museum is coming up at a cost of Rs. 12 crores. Ministry of Culture, Government of India has already accorded a grant of ₹ 6 crores to offset the cost of construction of the Museum Building. Balance amount for construction is being raised through corporate and individual donations and sponsorships.

“As a centre for collection, research, preservation, education and display of Indian transport history, the Heritage Transport Museum will showcase the evolution of transportation in India. It will depict a social history of the way we were, the way we are now, and the way of the future. The museum will not mere focus on a particular mode of transportation but will have a wide horizon. It will focus on how people of India have travelled through the years,” said Thakral.

Exhibition Galleries will display about 100 historically significant and artistically inspired modes of transport used in India — mostly one-of-a-kind — dating from the turn of the 20th century. This exhibition will be on-going. The moving collection, thanks to enthusiasts from all over the country, will be housed to accommodate over 25 exhibits.

While the museum would use replicas to trace the ancient history of transport, it has an impressive collection of historic and modern transportation means.

The collections will focus on all aspects of mode of transportation that have existed in India and depict the way Indian’s have traveled



Tarun Thakral
Founder, HTT

“As a centre for collection, research, preservation, education and display of Indian transport history, the Heritage Transport Museum will showcase the evolution of transportation in India.”

through the centuries. They include Vintage Carriages/Carts/Rickshaws/ Palanquin/Victorias, Vintage & Classic Commercial Vehicles, and Old rare books on India’s Transport History among host of other collections.

Visitors in the museum can participate in lot of activities including hot air balloon rides, horse carriage rides, painting cars, steam engine/ motor engine dissections etc.

The transport museum is expecting to welcome around 500,00 visitors in its first year of operation.

While the museum would use replicas to trace the ancient history of transport, it has an impressive collection of historic and modern transportation means. A healthy number of foreign and Indian tourists’ en-route from Delhi to Jaipur.

Thakral has also graciously donated his entire collection of Transport history that he has collected over the years to HTT.

