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Yuge Yugeen Bharat: A Museum for the Ages



CHENNAI – 16 Nov, 2026 India's civilisational heritage, spanning over 5,000 years, reflects a rich legacy of art, architecture, knowledge systems, traditions and cultural practices that have evolved over centuries. To preserve and present this heritage, the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum is being developed as a landmark national cultural institution at the historic North and South Block Complex in New Delhi. Envisaged as a museum of the people, it will showcase the continuity, diversity and richness of India's civilisational journey through an integrated presentation of its tangible and intangible cultural heritage.

First announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 18 May 2023, the project received approval from the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on 11 November 2026, with an estimated total project cost of ₹ 3,230 crore. Being developed by the Ministry of Culture, the museum will transform the historic North and South Blocks, formerly housing key government offices, into public cultural spaces through adaptive reuse while preserving their architectural character. Planned as a museum of global scale, it will bring together historical collections, thematic galleries and modern exhibition technologies to make India's cultural heritage accessible to citizens, researchers and visitors from across the world.

From Historic Buildings to a World-Class Museum

The Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum will transform the historic North and South Blocks in New Delhi from centres of governance into public cultural spaces. Developed through adaptive reuse, the project will preserve the architectural heritage of these landmark buildings while creating modern exhibition spaces and visitor facilities. The museum is envisaged as a major cultural destination, combining heritage conservation with contemporary museum infrastructure.

Preserving Heritage Through Adaptive Reuse

Historic Significance: The North and South Blocks served as centres of government administration until 13 February 2026, nearly 95 years after the inauguration of South Block. The South Block housed the Prime Minister's Office since Independence, and Cabinet meetings under 16 Prime Ministers were held in these buildings.

Transformation into Public Spaces: Following the relocation of government offices to Seva Teerth, the new Prime Minister's Office, and the Kartavya Bhavans, the two buildings are being repurposed as part of the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum.

Architectural Conservation: The project will preserve the buildings' historic character, façades and architectural integrity through minimal intervention.