

## Mumbai: BMC plans tree house with sea view in Bandra

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MUMBAI: After appointing a contractor for the construction of the Rs 22-crore elevated treetop walkway at Malabar Hill, the BMC is now keen to add one more tourist attraction in the city—a tree house in a garden in Bandra (W) with an unrestricted view of the Arabian Sea. On Tuesday, the civic body floated an expression of interest for the Rs 1-crore tree house project to be made on the lines of the popular Old Woman's Shoe at Malabar Hill's Kamala Nehru Garden.

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FLOATED FOR PROJECT

➤ A tree house is a platform or building constructed around, next to or among the trunk or branches of one or more trees above ground level

#### ESTIMATED COST

₹1cr

➤ BMC plans to build a two-storey tree house in a garden near Bandra fort as a recreational facility for both kids and adults



➤ It will also provide an unrestricted view of the Arabian Sea

➤ Officials said the structure would be constructed out of wooden material with restricted use of cement



The tree house project, a brainchild of cabinet minister and guardian minister of Mumbai suburbs Aaditya Thackeray, is being implemented through the city's planning department.

"The funds for implementing the project will be from the district planning development committee (DPDC); BMC is only the executing agency," said Kiran Dighavkar, assistant municipal co-mmissioner in charge of the planning department. "The garden, located near Bandra fort, falls under jurisdiction of the maritime board, hence we are taking all mandatory no-objection certificates before initiating work."

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"The concept of a tree house is popular among tourists world over. Since Mumbai does not have one, it was decided to build a two-storey tree house, that too with a grand sea view, in a prominent area in the suburbs," said Dighavkar, adding that they are exploring the option of using the trees on the plot for the project.

Civic officials said that the tree house would be a recreational facility constructed out of wooden material and restricted use of cement.

Nidhi Chaudhari, Mumbai suburban collector, said, "The DPDC has approved some innovative projects for improving the quality of life and aesthetics in Mumbai suburban district, including the tree house. The BMC has been given funds for this work and the success of this project will be replicated in other gardens."

Bandra corporator Asif Zakaria said if the project is self-sustainable, it would draw crowds automatically. "The garden is watered by the BMC, but does not have anything much on it. The idea is good, but we need to see how it would be implemented," he added.

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