

World's largest toy museum to be set up in Gujarat

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In news

Gujarat government is planning to build the world's largest toy museum in Gandhinagar's Gift City, showcasing 11 lakh toys from across the country.

Key highlights

- The proposed project aims to give a push to India's homemade toy industry.
- The proposed museum will be completed over the next three to five years at an estimated cost of Rs 1,500 crore.
- **Nodal agency:** The Children's University in Gandhinagar, which functions under the Gujarat Department of Higher Education, has been made the nodal agency for the project
- The Children's University has been tasked with developing toys as per "the values and traditions of ancient and modern India
- **Types of toys:** Among the 11 lakh toys, there will be toys based on education, science, astronomy, language, history, culture and social science. However, there will be no guns or toys that promote violence, or even teddy bears, which propagate lethargy in children
- **Focus on History of India:** The museum will focus on the history of India and important landmark moments through toys and tableaus – for instance, there will be sections dedicated to ISRO's Gaganyaan project, EVM machines and the First War of Independence in 1857.
- As of now, the largest toy museum in the world is the World's Largest Toy Museum Complex, located in the US

state of Missouri, which has over 10 lakh toys on display.