

The ArtBeat of New India at CSMIA: Where Art Meets Air Travel

At Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) Terminal 2, art transcends decor — it is an experience that can turn every traveller's journey into a cultural discovery and a celebration of India's rich heritage. The ArtBeat of New India Museum, located in Terminal 2, is one of the world's largest public art programmes at an airport, celebrates India's rich cultural tapestry.

Location & Access

The ArtBeat of New India Museum at CSMIA stretches across a 3.2-kilometre corridor at the Departure and Arrival areas of Terminal 2, offering 24x7 access to passengers. Spanning over 200,000 square feet, the museum highlights more than 5,500 artefacts and 100+ art installations – from ancient motifs to modern expressions – each reflecting India's rich heritage, artistic traditions, and contemporary creativity.

The installations are curated into thematic zones, representing a vibrant journey through different regions and artistic traditions of India, told through immersive installations:

- **Maharashtra: Theatre Screens:** hand-painted theatre backdrops
- **Mumbai: Best out of Waste:** eco-conscious urban installations
- **Kashmir: Conjoining Lands:** fusion of craft and culture
- **Kerala: Celestial Realm:** divine mural landscapes
- **Madhya Pradesh: Flying Locomotives:** folk tales meet steel sculpture.
- **Mysore & Tanjore: Moving Constant:** divine vehicles in classical style
- **Nagaland: Evoking the Nagas:** tribal totems and woodwork
- **Pondicherry: Gopuram:** temple-inspired deities in life-sized art
- **Rajasthan: Reappearances Below the Tarmac:** a terracotta reimagining of Mumbai
- **Rajasthan: Cheel Gadi Haveli:** a playful illusion within a haveli façade
- **West Bengal: Atelier of Ephemera:** Durga puja's artistic essence
- **Guardian Angels of India:** honouring cultural icons in majestic form
- **Tribute to Indian Maritime History:** bas-reliefs echoing ancient sea routes.

How to Explore

Signage throughout Terminal 2 guide passengers through the various art installations. Whether you are embarking on a self-guided discovery or simply taking a detour between gates, each section is thoughtfully positioned to create a seamless, reflective experience.

Further, to create passenger delight, the airport also offers the "The Artbeat of New India" audio guide app, providing insights into the artworks and the stories behind them. This museum not only beautifies the Terminal, it also serves as a platform to celebrate and preserve India's diverse art forms.

A Journey Within the Journey

Whether you are a frequent flyer or a first-time visitor, the museum offers something new with each visit—an evolving narrative shaped by India's timeless artistry. As your eyes wander from gate to gate, you are not just travelling through space, but through culture, history, and imagination.

Remember

At CSMIA T2, waiting is no longer means being idle – it is immersive, inspiring, and steeped in the spirit of India. So, the next time you are at Terminal 2, take a moment. Wander. Discover. Because at Mumbai Airport, every journey from T2 begins with art.
