Brief History

Since medieval times many views have been expressed by different historians about Surat and in all the historical narratives Surat has emerged as one of the major ports of international importance on the map of the world. Although during the Restoration of the Fort, during the research and by excavation and explorations it is found that long ago by the Tughlaq dynasty (c. 1351-1388 A.D.) the Fort was built on the bank of river Tapi in Surat, which was relatively smaller than the present Fort.

In the year 2015, the Government of Gujarat has given the responsibilities of conservation and restoration of historical Fort of Surat to Surat Municipal Corporation. After detailed examination, research and scientific cleaning, Surat Municipal Corporation has started conservation and restoration work of the Fort. After the completion of the first phase work, a part of the Fort was opened for general public to visit on Dt. 13/04/2018.

A-1 Building

Vault

Most stunning find during the restoration process was secret vaults discovered inside the fort. It has a ventilation system through which cold air enters from the bottom and hot air evacuates from the top of the room. It is designed in such a way that these tunnels are not visible from outside.

British Tea Room

A portion of the building which was constructed during post independence of India, is converted in to the British period Tea-room.

Dutch Life Style Room and Court Room

To showcase the Dutch life-style, portion of the building has been converted into the Dutch life-style Room of 18th-19th Century. The Court-room showcases furniture which gives actual feeling of British Era Court Room.

TRADE GALLERY AND JAIL

In this gallery Surat minted coins, trade commodities, trade jars, British ceramic wares etc are displayed. "They were not hit. All the trade business remained similar to the past and the trade was not affected.

Mughal and Armenians Gallery

In-between A2-A3 building Rampart and Burj of Tughlaq and Gujarat Sultanate period are restored. Mughals and Armenians Gallery showcases the art and culture of Mughals and Armenians.

A-3 Building

Gallery of Surat Archives

In this gallery, historical maps of Surat, timeline of history of Surat and Surat Fort, alteration made in Surat Fort at various time is depicted by various maps, maritime history and various other process of conservation and restoration is narrated by various penal. Throne of last Nawab of Surat, Nawab Afzalud-din Khan along with other accessories and write-up on various personalities of Surat are represented in these galleries.

Britsh Life Style Room and Travellers to Surat Gallery

In this gallery one can feel the life style of British people of 17th to 19th century through display. Penals of write-up by various travellers visited Surat from 15th century are showcased in this gallery.

Burj and Rampart

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