

“Transformation of Architecture” Site Visits at Pune and nearby places

Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum

1. It was established in 1962.
2. Dr. Kelkar donated his collection to the government of Maharashtra in 1975. There are about 20,000 objects of which 2500 are on display.
3. These consist of mainly Indian Decorative items from everyday life mostly from the 18th & 19th century.

Vishrambaug Wada

1. It was the luxurious residence of Peshwa Bajirao II.
2. Now presently there is a post office in the Municipal Corporation. The small Museum of Maratha Artefacts put together by noted Maratha Historian Babasaheb Purandre, on 1st Floor.
3. The columns & beams are all made of wood.
4. The wada is famous for its fine entrance & the balcony with carved woodwork.
5. The PMC has undertaken the restoration work of wada.
6. As of 2004, Rs.2500,000 have been spent on the restoration work.



Figure 2 Woodwork Carving in Interior Space

Shaniwar Wada

1. It was built in 1732, in Maratha Imperial Architecture style.
2. The fort itself was destroyed in a fire in 1828.
3. Now there are only the Plinth beams & compound walls which were constructed in stone.
4. The wada was built in 7 Floors, the whole structure was constructed in wood.
5. But now the remaining stone structure is maintained as a tourist site.



Figure 3 Entrance View



Figure 4 Landscape

Pu. La. Deshpande Garden

1. It is also known as Okayama Friendship Garden.
2. This garden is built in Japanese style.
3. Different types of trees, shrubs, ground covers, and climbers were planted over there.
4. There was a natural flow of water which spread across the garden.
5. It is built in an area of 10 acres & well maintained.



Figure 5 Landscape View



Figure 6 Seating Area