



THE TARAPOREVALA AQUARIUM

The Taraporevala Aquarium is one of India's oldest aquariums. Home to 85 different species, the aquarium is one of Mumbai city's main attractions.




FUN FACT!

The aquarium was named after a Parsee Philanthropist D B Taraporewala, who donated ₹200,000 for its construction.

A map of Mumbai showing the location of Taraporevala Aquarium on the coast near Marine Lines. The map labels various areas like Girgaon, Amar Wadi, and Thakurdwar.

WAVE GOODBYE

The aquarium was built in 1951 and was inaugurated by India's first president **Dr. Rajendra Prasad**. An initial success and wonder, it soon lost its charm as Indians became global travellers. Aquariums around the world set high expectations that the



Taraporevala Aquarium could not meet. Footfalls declined, the aquarium started looking down in the mouth, and ground its way to closure in 2013, with a grand promise of being back **bigger and better.**

A photograph of the Taraporevala Aquarium building, which has a colorful facade with large whale and fish graphics. A sign in front of the building reads 'TARAPOREVALA AQUARIUM'.

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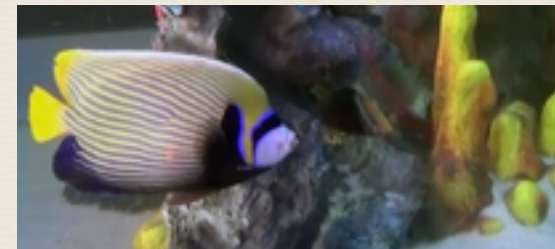
The brand new aquarium opened on March 3rd, 2015. Besides the construction, the new aquarium is home to over **85 different species** of fish, including freshwater and saltwater organisms!



MAIN ATTRACTIONS

- ❖ An **Oceanarium** in the foyer.
- ❖ An **amphitheater** with 50 seats, screening documentaries on fish, marine ecosystems and environment conservation.
- ❖ Coral and rocky ecosystems with **aquascaping** and LED lighting
- ❖ A semi-circular tank housing **jelly fish**.

INSIDE LOOK



NOT-SO-FUN FACTS

Many of the species housed in the Taraoprevala Aquarium are endangered or on the verge of extinction.

These include:



SEA TURTLES



SHARKS

SEA HORSES

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Donate and spread awareness about these animals

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Sea Urchins:

Also known as **ocean monsters**

because they eat all the algae in a habitat, leaving insufficient amounts for other fishes. Scuba divers pick up urchins when they see one to prevent an imbalance in an ecosystem. However, they are an **endangered** species.

Sea Horses: In sea horses, the male gives birth to **2000 babies** rather than the female. The female sea horse



AQUA-HUMOUR

Where does a killer whale go for braces?...The **orca-dontist**



Why don't oysters give to charity?... Because they're **shellfish**

What do you call a pod of musical whales?... An **orca-stra**





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