

Expanding Curiosity

Building a New Science Gallery at the Vijnana Loka



At Vijnana Loka (Science World), our vision is simple: to develop a scientific temperament within society. Developed by the Deenabandhu Teacher Resource Center under the umbrella of the Deenabandhu Trust, Vijnana Loka was founded on the belief that curiosity and critical thinking are essential drivers of social progress.

The Lack of Access:

For the children of Chamarajanagar, the path to exploring Science is a problem of access. There are no dedicated Science centers in this or neighbouring districts; the nearest facility is 180 km away in Bengaluru. For rural and underprivileged children, such experiences are typically out of reach. Vijnana Loka was created to bridge this gap, providing a non-threatening, fun-filled space where Science becomes accessible.

Our Current Facilities:

Today, our 2-acre Vijnana Loka campus is a vibrant hub of activity, serving over 3,000 children from 100 schools annually with transportation arranged by us. Our existing facilities have already changed how children in the district learn:

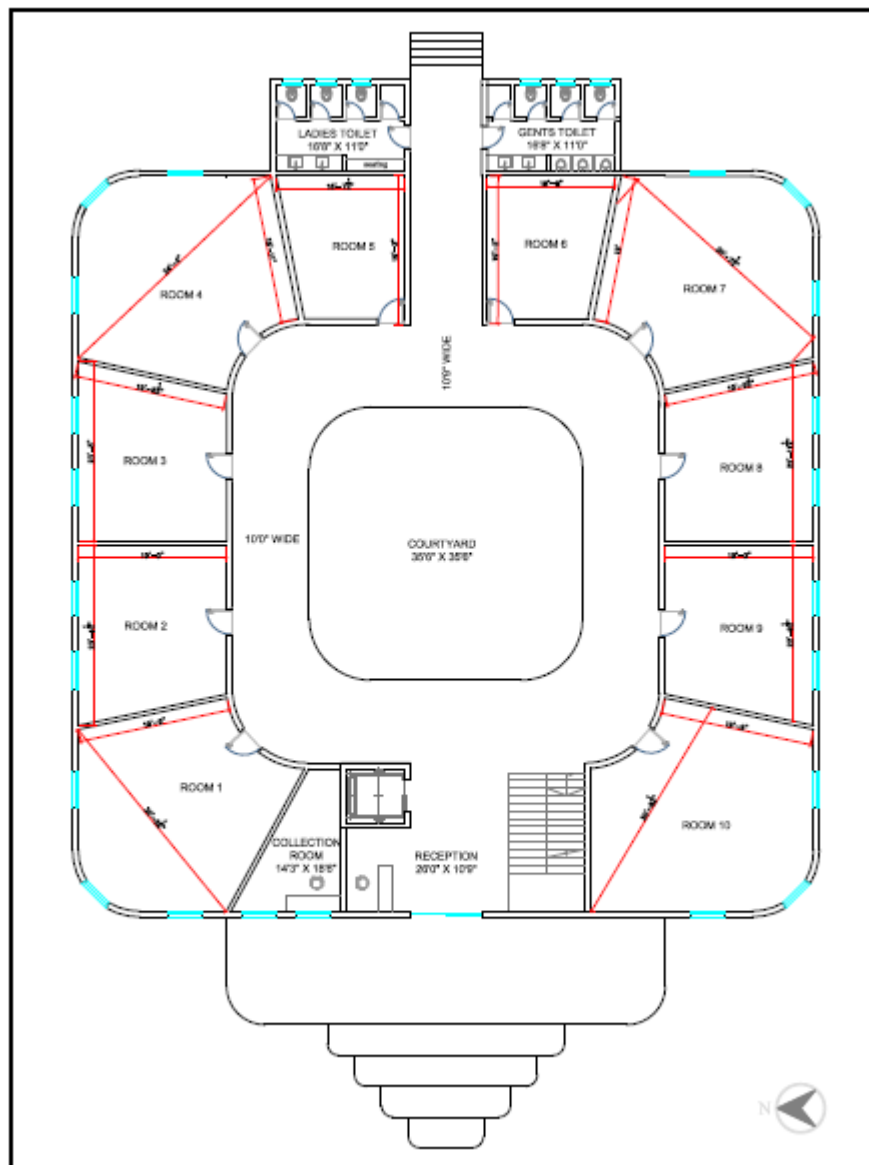
- **The Science Park:** Features life-size, hands-on play structures that bring complex physics concepts to life.
- **The Fun Science Gallery:** An indoor space where interactive exhibits make science a hands-on experience.
- **Active Engagement:** We move beyond textbooks through "Colourful Chemistry" shows and workshops where children build their own science toys.
- **Thematic Exhibits:** Space for short-duration thematic galleries such as the recently designed "Trees" which provide insights about ecology and biodiversity.

The New Milestone:

While our current facilities have laid a strong foundation, the need for a bigger, more comprehensive learning environment is urgent. We have begun construction of a **new, significantly larger Science Gallery** to add to the Vijnana Loka campus. This new facility will be built in two phases.

In the first phase, the new facility will feature:

- **A 10-Room Complex:** Allowing us to house a much wider range of exhibits across diverse scientific themes .
- **Multi-Thematic Spaces:** Dedicated areas for permanent displays alongside short-duration "Thematic Galleries" that explore the ecological and social significance of the world around us.
- **Community Infrastructure:** A central courtyard, collection rooms, and reception areas designed to double our capacity and impact.





How Can You Help:

By supporting the construction of this new gallery, you are not just building a structure; you are creating a gateway to discovery for thousands of rural children. Your contribution ensures that every child, regardless of their background, has the opportunity to engage with science, think critically, and eventually "reach the sky".

Donors may choose to sponsor one or more rooms/halls within the gallery. Each hall can be sponsored at a cost of **INR 20,00,000**. The donor's name will be prominently displayed on a plaque in the sponsored hall, acknowledging their contribution and commitment to strengthening science education.

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