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Designing cultural play spaces for young children

At Mahatma Gandhi Museum, Rajkot

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and an opportunity to
implement the design on
ground with Rajkot Municipal
Corporation

Last date of
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15th
September
2021



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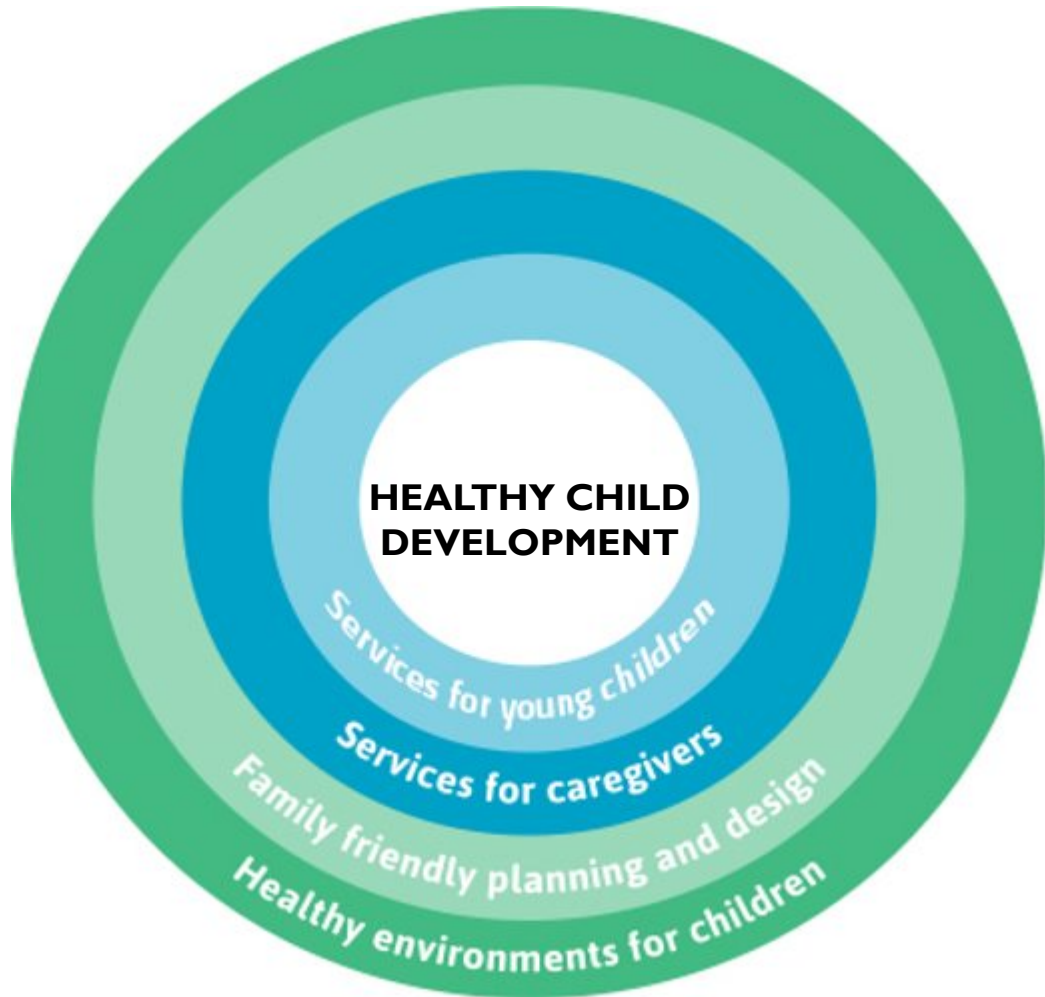


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Designing for Young Children (0–5-year-old) and Families



Cities that work for young children and their families...

are cities that **work for all**

Designing safe, stimulating and playful environment for 0-5-year-old children and their caregivers results in a healthy development of these children and sets a strong foundation for society.

Under the Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge, the city of **Rajkot** envisions

To create accessible early
childhood services and
improve public spaces and
overall safety in the city

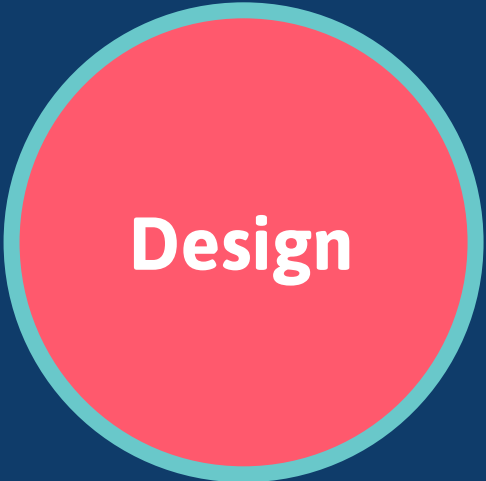
by

- **Improving access** to public spaces
- **Ensuring safety** for young children and families
- Creating **accessible play spaces** for children of all ages and abilities
- **Participatory** planning



Our approach

Identifying pilot projects in the neighbourhood



Design Competition
Participatory approach



Permanent implementation and scale-up



Tactical trial on-ground

About the competition

Designing cultural play spaces for young children

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As part of the Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge, Rajkot has planned a pilot project at Mahatma Gandhi Museum to provide play pockets for young children, reflecting Gandhian thoughts, history and culture of the city.

This museum previously functioned as Mohandas Gandhi Vidyalaya, Alfred High School and Kathiawar High School, where Mahatma Gandhi studied in his school years. It was converted into a Museum to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi in 2018.

The museum has an outdoor children's areas to facilitate play and interaction among children visiting. The competition invites designs for this space that reflects Gandhian history through interactive, learning elements for young children and their families visiting this museum.

Project Location

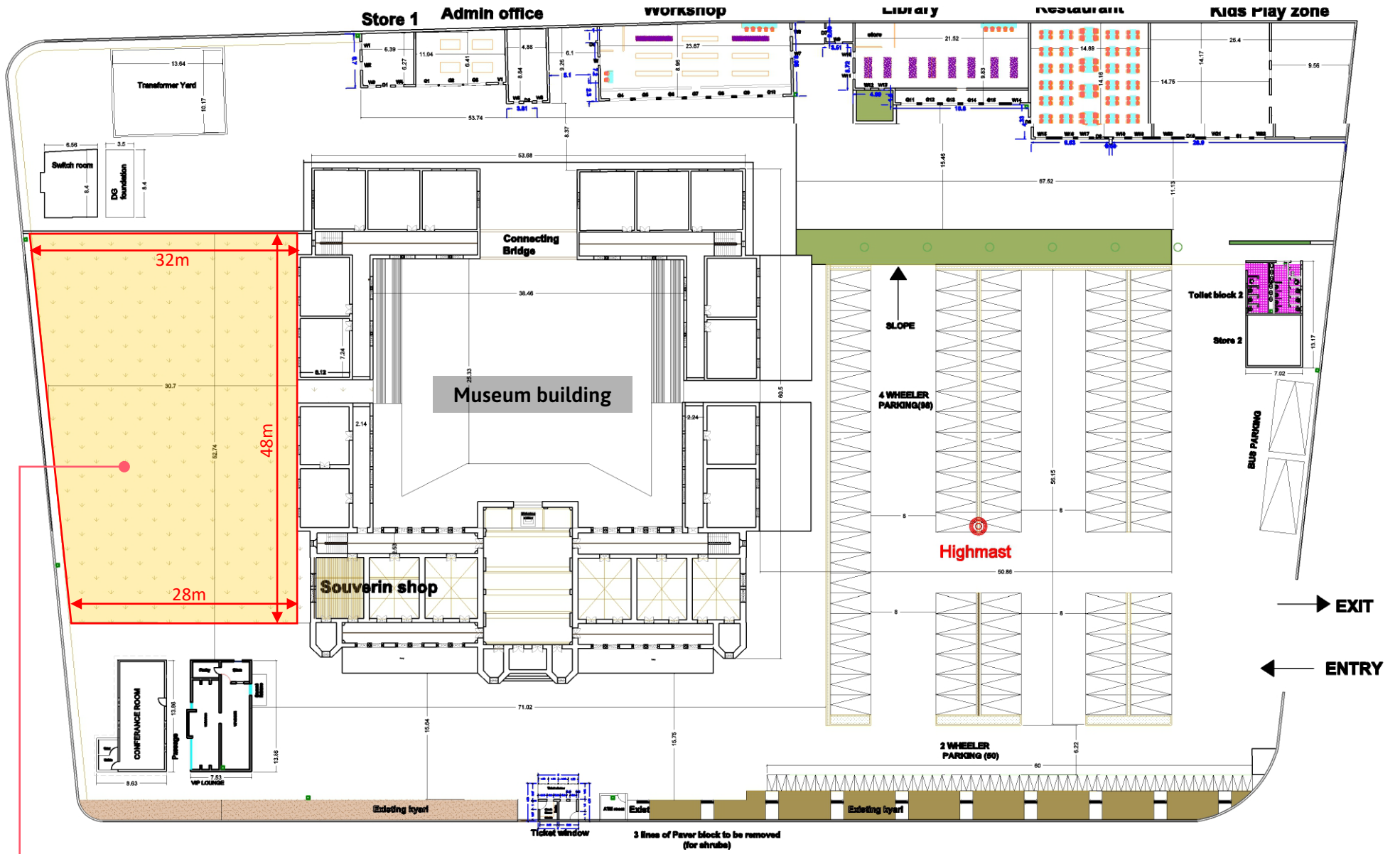


Towards Racecourse Garden

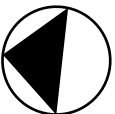
Design site

Kaba Gandhi ni delo
(Gandhi's childhood residence)





Design site

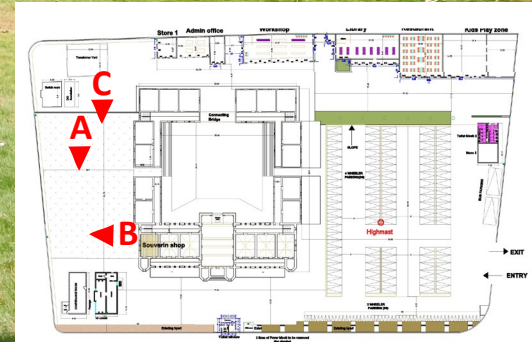




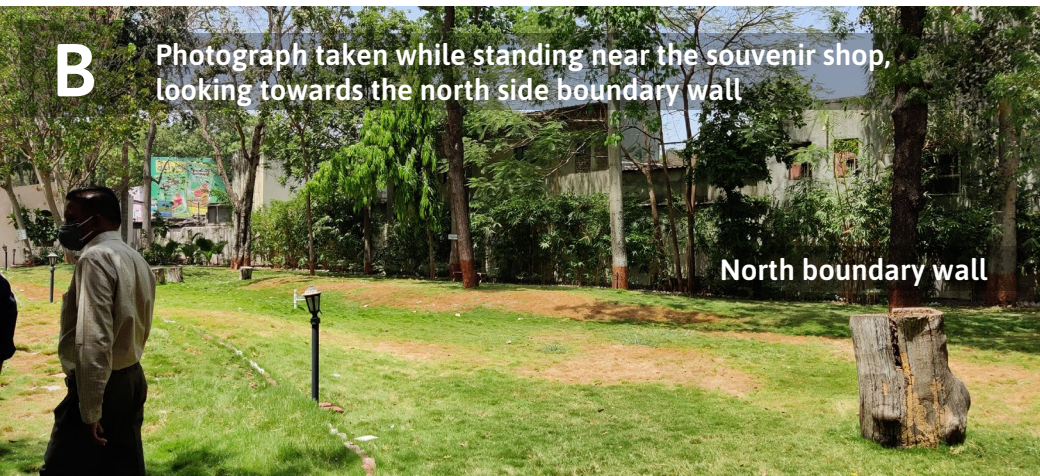
The outdoor children's area in museum is currently an open space (approximately 1440 sq.m. in area) consisting of lawn space. This space needs to be developed keeping in mind families, parents and other caregivers waiting with their young children, school children who come to the museum, and spend some outdoor time during their visit.

Photograph taken while standing near the Switch room, looking towards the Design site

A Photograph taken while standing near the admin side entrance to the design site



B Photograph taken while standing near the souvenir shop, looking towards the north side boundary wall



C Photograph taken while standing near the Switch room, looking towards the Design site



Design criteria

This competition invites such ideas for the outdoor space of the museum, that provide playful learning environment for young children, which is synonymous of Gandhian thoughts.

The winning design proposal should consider the following –

- Outdoor play space that can serve as healthy and stimulating learning environment for young children by enabling nature-based and sensory play.
- Opportunities for young children to play independently, while allowing caregivers' supervision.
- Variety of sensory elements, textures that can help to develop fine and gross motor skills in young children, ensuring better physical and cognitive development.
- Use of cultural elements, local crafts and activities that reflect Gandhi's simplicity for play and teaching of young children

The proposal should ensure **safe, accessible, green, playful and inclusive** spaces where young children can wait, play and learn with their caregivers.



Participation guidelines

Who can apply?

- Students and professionals in the field of architecture, urban design, urban planning and other relevant fields can apply.
- Multi-disciplinary collaboration is highly encouraged.
- There is no restriction for number of members per team.
- Participants are allowed to submit multiple entries per team.
- Any team or participants associated or guided by organizers are discouraged from applying.

How to apply?

- Interested candidates can download the competition package consisting of an application form, AutoCAD drawing of the site, satellite image of the site and photographs from here – https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1B-DEpttF9nJ4Z87bqfvpL_zdTtf7gRIK?usp=sharing
- Kindly submit no more than 2 no. of A2 sheets highlighting the design proposals (one pdf file, file size upto 10mb).
- Submissions should consist of design proposal sheets and 300-word write-up explaining the design concept, how the proposal considers young children and their needs, while reflecting Gandhian principles (A4 pdf file – file size upto 1mb).
- Submissions should be uploaded at the following link – <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnL6XBEEnXTznOjao16e1UWR2Qmw0tk06lsag-auUV1kaM66A/viewform>

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The winning design will be tested on-ground and then implemented as a pilot project in collaboration with Rajkot Municipal Corporation and Nurturing Neighbourhoods team.

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In case of any queries or concerns, please reach out to mgmrajkotnnc@gmail.com

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