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80 **SCALING WITH PURPOSE** Inspired by India's rich civilisational history, JSW Foundation actively supports the preservation, promotion, and contemporary interpretation of art, culture, and heritage. Recognising their profound influence on community identity, creative expression, and societal progress, the Foundation invests in initiatives that safeguard cultural legacies while creating inclusive spaces for dialogue, learning, and innovation.

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In FY26, the Foundation strengthened its commitment to safeguarding tangible and intangible heritage through a combination of restoration initiatives, artist support, and community-led engagement. Efforts were directed towards conserving historically significant sites, revitalising traditional art forms, and creating platforms that bring artisans and cultural practitioners into the mainstream economy.

A key focus area has been the restoration and adaptive reuse of heritage spaces, transforming them into vibrant cultural hubs that encourage dialogue, creativity, and public participation.

Through strategic partnerships with government bodies, cultural institutions, and international organisations, the Foundation has ensured that conservation efforts are both technically robust and socially inclusive.

Simultaneously, the Foundation continued to nurture India's rich craft traditions by supporting artisan communities with capacity building, market linkages, and design innovation. By integrating traditional knowledge with contemporary opportunities, these initiatives aim to enhance livelihoods while preserving authenticity.

The Foundation's cultural programming also expanded during the year, with curated exhibitions, residencies, and public engagement initiatives that celebrate artistic expression and foster cross-cultural exchange. These platforms not only amplify diverse voices but also create meaningful connections between heritage and modern audiences.

Through its Art, Culture and Heritage vertical, JSW Foundation remains committed to building ecosystems where preservation and progress coexist—ensuring that India's cultural wealth is protected, promoted, and made accessible, while contributing to a more inclusive and culturally aware society.



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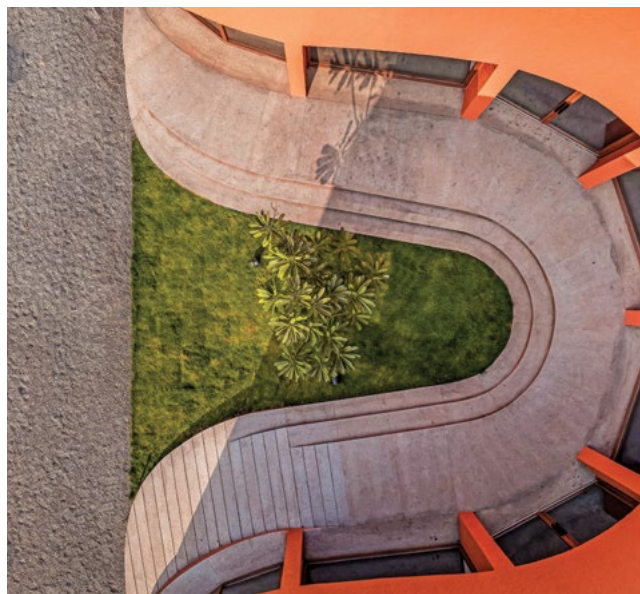
Hampi Art Labs is a flagship initiative of JSW Foundation, the social development arm of the JSW Group—one of India's leading business houses. Conceived as a centre for artistic production, exchange, and learning, Hampi Art Labs is dedicated to fostering contemporary art practices while strengthening cultural connections across communities and geographies.

Spread across nine acres of thoughtfully designed landscape, the facility comprises exhibition galleries, production studios, residential apartments for artist residencies, landscaped gardens, and a public café. The centre provides artists with world-class infrastructure for experimentation and creation, along with spaces for immersive exhibitions and public engagement.

Hampi Art Labs offers a dynamic programme of exhibitions, residencies, workshops, and learning initiatives that engage local communities, students, and international visitors. Specially

curated educational programmes and hands-on workshops are developed for schools in the surrounding region, nurturing creativity and cultural awareness among young learners.

With a strong focus on collaboration, the centre seeks to build meaningful cultural links across the Global South through artist residencies, interdisciplinary programming, and partnerships with like-minded institutions and organisations. By bringing together diverse voices and practices, Hampi Art Labs contributes to a vibrant cultural ecosystem that bridges heritage with contemporary expression.



Preserving cultural heritage

JSW Foundation is committed to preserving India's rich cultural heritage by restoring historic landmarks, revitalising traditional art forms, and supporting artists and artisans. Guided by the belief that heritage is a living legacy, JSW Foundation undertakes research-led conservation initiatives that protect both tangible and intangible heritage while ensuring its relevance for future generations. JSW Foundation's key restoration projects include Shalimar Bagh and Shiv Khori Caves in Jammu & Kashmir, the David Sassoon Library in Mumbai, Maharashtra, Harishchandra Ghat in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, and the Kamalapur Museum in Hampi, Karnataka. Implemented in collaboration with government agencies, conservation experts, and local communities, these initiatives are transforming heritage sites into vibrant cultural spaces that foster learning, public engagement, and cultural exchange. Through these efforts, JSW Foundation is helping safeguard India's shared heritage while ensuring it continues to inspire and enrich generations to come.

