

Rajabai Tower



Identification

EBN	125901
Name	Rajabai Tower
Alternative Name	Bombay University Clocktower
Construction Type	building with towers
Current Status	existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name	Asia	City Name	Mumbai
Country Name	India	Address (as text)	University of Mumbai
State Name	Maharashtra	Latitude	Contact us
Metro Area Name	Mumbai Metro Area	Longitude	Contact us

Description

Facade Material	limestone	Architectural style	gothic
Facade Color	light orange	Main Usage	university

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	280 ft	Height (roof)	280 ft
Height (tip)	280 ft	Floors (overground)	5

Years and costs

Year (construction start)	1869	Year (construction end)	1878
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Facts

- Rajabai clocktower rises above the Bombay University library, which contains some exquisite stained glass, recently restored to its former glory.
- Originally the clock could chime 16 different tunes, including "God save the King" and "Rule Britannia."
- It is possible to climb the clocktower by means of a spiral staircase, however access is currently restricted.
- Built from local Kurla stone, the clocktower design is based on Venetian and Gothic revival styles.
- Premchand Roychand, who was a wealthy Bombay stockbroker, commissioned the Rajabai tower in honour of his mother "Rajabai."
- The cost of construction was 200,000 Rupees in the 1870s.
- Designed by the English architect Sir Gilbert Scott, the clocktower was inspired by "Big Ben" in London.

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