

Sewri Fort

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About Sewri Fort

- It is a fort in Mumbai built by Britishers in 1680 at Sewri, Island of Parcel.
- It was served as **watch tower**, atop a quarried hill overlooking the **Mumbai Harbour**.
- In 1689, The Siddi general **Yadi Sakat** invaded Mumbai and they first captured the sewri Fort. The Siddhis were **allies of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb**.
- This fort is later also involved in the **battle that repelled The Portuguese attack in 1772**.
- In **1818, after British-Maratha wars**, the strategic importance of the fort declined.
- It was later used as a jail, but today it stands neglected in many parts. Still, parts of the fort have been protected by the state's department of archaeology and museums.
- It serves as the site of the **annual Flamingo Festival**.

Q1) What is a Flamingo?

Flamingo, (order Phoenicopteriformes), any of six species of tall, pink wading birds with thick downturned bills. Flamingos have slender legs, long, graceful necks, large wings, and short tails. They range from about 90 to 150 cm (3 to 5 feet) tall.

Source: [Sewri Fort to get flamingo-viewing gallery as part of its makeover](#)