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BKC may soon have its own 'Habitat Centre'

MUMBAI: The Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC) may soon have a cultural as well as convention centre on the lines of Habitat Centre in New Delhi.

Discussions are on at the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) for such a centre. The authority may even go in for a tie-up with Habitat Centre.

<u>MMRDA</u> officials said that there was a great need for such a centre in Mumbai and they had discussed the issue earlier with architect Charles Correa, but the plan did not take off.

The officials said that the Habitat Centre in <u>Delhi</u> has several halls and 20 concurrent events can be organized there at any given time.

"It is a meeting place for the NGOs, music and art groups and has over a half a dozen restaurants with a wide range of food choices. It also has an archival system with built in projector facilities in its halls and a well equipped secretariat and documentation centre with covered parking for 1,000 cars," said an official.

This cultural centre will be distinct from the convention centre coming up as part of a hotel project at BKC. However, nothing

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has been decided so far, said MMRDA officials. "The last time the project was discussed in detail, it was put on the back burner. We hope that it will come through this time around," they said.