

Eiffel Tower reportedly in need of repairs

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Paris : The Eiffel Tower is reportedly strained with rust and in need of repairs. However, it is being given a cosmetic EUR 60 million paint job instead ahead of the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, according to reports.

The wrought-iron 324-meter (1,063 ft) high tower, built by Gustave Eiffel in the late 19th century, is among the most visited tourist sites in the world, welcoming about six million visitors per year.

However, reports suggested the monument is in a poor state and strained with rust. "It is simple, if Gustave Eiffel visited the place he would have a heart attack," one unnamed manager said, reports claimed.

The tower is currently undergoing a repaint costing EUR 60 million in preparation of the 2024 Olympics. This is the 20th time the Tower has been repainted.

Some 30 per cent of the tower was supposed to have been stripped and then have two new coats applied but delays to the work caused by the Covid pandemic and the presence of lead in the old paint means only 5 per cent will be treated, reports noted.

The company overseeing the tower, Societe d'Exploitation de la Tour Eiffel (SETE), is reluctant to close the tower for a long time because of the tourist revenue it would cost, added reports.

