Imagining how space and the Moon could look: AI Prompt Art 2026 Exhibition brings ideas to life in Mumbai

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Mumbai: How would space look 100 years from now? How would settlements on the Moon look after 50 years?

It's all about a mix of science, technology, art and imagination—and Artificial Intelligence (AI) is making it easier to visualise space.

There could be self-sustained colonies in moon, there could be cultivation in domes, there could be mono rail, lifts, multi-storied apartments, rovers and so on. And India, a leader in space technology, will have a great role to play.

The AI Prompt Art 2026 Exhibition brought these ideas to life during the National Space Week 2026, celebrated by the Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai, in association with the National Centre for Science Communicators (NCSC).

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The exhibition was inaugurated by Prof Dr Mayank Vahia (Retd), Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, in presence of a galaxy of experts including Umesh Kumar Rustagi, Director, Nehru Science Centre, NCSC Chairman Dr. Siddhivinayak Barve, Director, KET's Scientific Research Centre, Mulund, NCSE Vice Chairman Shivprasad Khened, Advisor, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Mumbai and former Director Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai, NCSC Chief Executive Suhas Naik Satam, Subhashankar Ghosh, Principal Curator, Nehru Science Centre, Prof. Arnab Bhattacharya, Director, Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education.

"The exhibition is unique," said Prof Vahia, an astronomer and astrophysicist.

"The exhibition brings together science, technology, art and imagination, showcasing how AI is opening up new possibilities for visual creativity and scientific communication. Unlike traditional art forms, AI prompt art enables anyone to transform an idea, question, scientific concept or dream into a visual creation using an AI prompt," said Naik Satam.

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"With the advent of technology, the canvas of human imagination has widened far more. AI is playing a crucial role now in expanding our imagination and taking us to a world that was never there," he said, referring to Albert Einstein and Carl Sagan.

The exhibition features a diverse collection of creative works exploring astronomy, celestial wonders India's space missions, futuristic habitats and journeys to distant worlds.

Contributions from students, educators, artists, technology enthusiasts and space enthusiasts offer varied perspectives on the universe and the future of space exploration.

A special focus of the exhibition is India's remarkable journey in space exploration, including the Chandrayaan missions, alongside imaginative visions of human exploration, futuristic space travel and the possibilities of life and habitats beyond Earth.

The artworks demonstrate how emerging technologies can create innovative pathways for scientific communication, education and storytelling.

The exhibition seeks to dissolve traditional boundaries between science and art, technology and imagination, and artist and audience, while encouraging visitors to become creators themselves. By bringing AI into the creative process, the exhibition highlights technology's potential to make scientific ideas more accessible, engaging and imaginative.

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