

New “Fun Science” Interactive Gallery Inaugurated at Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai

Event Marks the Centre's 40th Anniversary: Key Step Toward Enhancing Science Learning

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The “Fun Science” Interactive Gallery was inaugurated today to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai. Designed to bring the joy of scientific exploration to students and visitors, the gallery adds a new dimension to the Centre’s mission of promoting experiential learning. Nehru Science Centre - the largest science centre under the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), Ministry of Culture, Government of India - was inaugurated on 11 November 1985 by former Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi. With its dynamic exhibits and immersive zones, the new gallery is poised to become one of the most engaging attractions for students, educators, families, and science enthusiasts.



The gallery was inaugurated by Prof. Jayaram N. Chengalur, Director, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Colaba, Mumbai. Also present on the occasion were Shri Umesh Kumar, Director, Nehru Science Centre, along with an enthusiastic audience of over 300 school students and visitors.



Addressing the gathering, Prof. Jayaram N. Chengalur highlighted the importance of experiential learning in science. He noted that scientific concepts are best understood when learners ask questions, explore how things work, and engage directly with hands-on exhibits. He encouraged students to visit the Centre regularly and make full use of its enriching environment, which transforms science into an enjoyable journey of discovery.



Shri Umesh Kumar, Director, Nehru Science Centre, shared insights into the newly launched gallery and its exhibits. He reiterated the Centre's guiding philosophy of KISMIF—"Keep It Simple, Make It Fun"—aimed at sparking curiosity while simplifying complex scientific principles for young minds.



Fun Science: Where Curiosity Comes to Play

The new gallery transforms scientific ideas into playful, hands-on experiences.

Zone 1: The World of Physics features installations that uncover the secrets of forces and motion—from the illusion of the Magic Water Tap and the spinning Gyro Turn to the buoyancy twist of the Sinking Ship, the curving Magnus Effect, and the magnetic marvel of the Eddy Current Egg.

Zone 2: The Digital Frontier immerses visitors in emerging technologies. Guests can step into Supplemented Reality, sculpt landscapes with Topographical 3D Mapping, let AI identify their tune in Humming to Playback, and discover their Birthday in Pi hidden within a million digits.

Zone 3: Body & Mind Challenge blends physical activity with cognitive skills. Visitors can test reflexes in How Fast You Are, climb the vertical Labyrinth Climber, measure strength with Muscle Power, and explore the physics behind the perfect shot in the Basketball Challenge.



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