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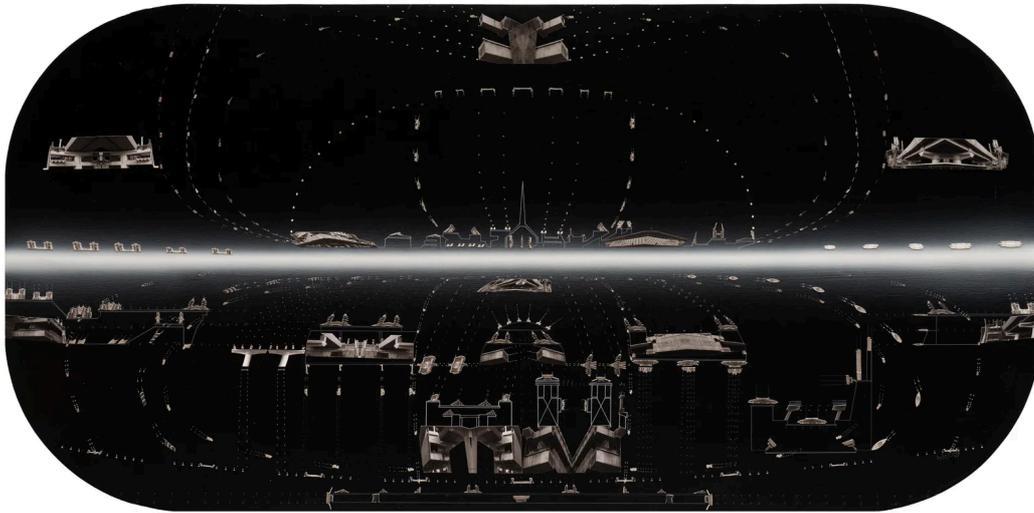
7 shows to check out at the 2026 edition of Mumbai Gallery Weekend

From material-led collaborations and slow meditations on memory and the city, here's a look at the shows worth lingering over at Mumbai Gallery Weekend.

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Brobdingnag Paradox by Pratap Morey | TARQ, Fort



Iridescent Obfuscation II Courtesy of TARQ

Pratap Morey returns to a city he knows intimately—one perpetually under construction, endlessly stacking, compressing, and reinventing itself. Built from photographs gathered during long visits to Mumbai's construction sites, these monumental collages play mischievously with scale and perception. Buildings, bridges, and columns that usually dwarf the human body are cut down to size—literally small enough to fit in the palm of the artist's hand.

The effect is both playful and quietly subversive. From afar, the works resemble vast, polished cityscapes; up close, they unravel into intricate, hand-drawn interventions where the real slips into the surreal. Grids echo the glass façades of redevelopment, reflecting skies even as they dissolve form, while repetition becomes a metaphor for urban monotony—moving constantly, yet going nowhere.