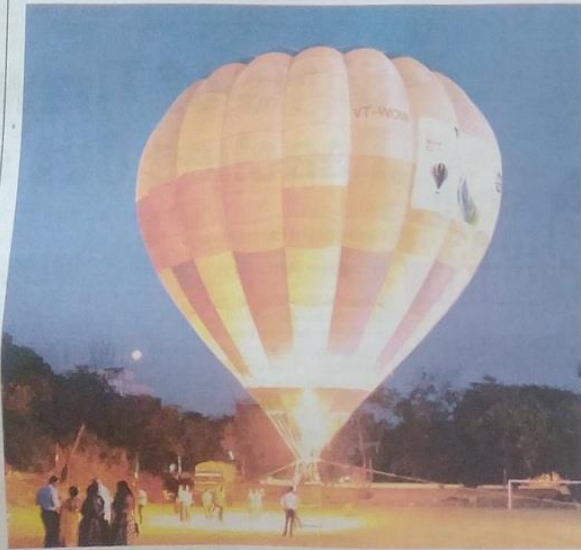


City to Host 5-Day Sky Fest from Dec 23

An impressive list of movies including Dilwale, Bajirao Mastani, Sreemanthudu would be screened during the five-day-long fiesta



Instructors demonstrating a hot air balloon which would be a major attraction at the five-day-long Sky Fest 2015, in Hyderabad on Wednesday. | EXPRESS PHOTO

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Hyderabad: The City of Pearls is all set to host its largest-ever five-day festivity, Sky Fest, in December. It will be held at the Gachibowli Stadium from December 23 to 27.

To be hosted by Sparsh Hospice, a charitable initiative of Rotary Club, it will be a one-stop destination for adventure, entertainment, food and will have some major attractions like hot-air balloon rides, concerts, midnight open-air movies and acrobatic shows.

Speaking at the curtain raiser of 'ACT Fibernet Sky Fest 2015', IT and panchayat raj minister KT Rama Rao here on Wednesday said, "For any city to become a global city, social capital plays a major role. If the investors, migrants and natives do not have a social life, then that city cannot be called a true metropolitan city. That is the reason why we started promoting Hyderabad as a social capital through the 'Happening Hyderabad' programme and hosted many

EVENT

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- Hot Air Balloon Rides
- Concerts
- Midnight Movies
- International Acrobatic Shows
- Carnival
- Shopping
- Food Arena
- Kite Festival

concerts and international conventions in the past one year. The upcoming Sky Fest will be a way forward and will definitely be a highlight among all our programmes."

Rao added, "The festival is being organised with an aim to connect all sections of people under one roof to create vibrant communities leading to a better life.

Also, the motive is appreciable as the organisers are trying to raise funds to expand their hospitality scope by adding new facilities," Rao added.

He advised the organisers to target school students to make the programme successful. "As the programme will be hosted during the

Christmas holidays, it will be better if educational institutions are also involved in the event. As all the programmes will be held at one venue, there are high chances of children turning out in large numbers," the minister said.

"Besides hot-air balloon rides, the other attractions of the festival will include concerts, midnight open-air movies, acrobatic shows, five days of carnival, shopping, food and much more fun and frolic to bond people," Dr M Subrahmanyam, trustee, Sparsh Hospice, said.

The movies to be screened are Dilwale, Baji Rao Mastani, Bahubali (Hindi), Sreemanthudu and Maya Bazar (Colour). Noted singers Shanker Mahadevan, Sonu Nigam and Devi Sri Prasad will perform at the event.

Sparsh Hospice is a 15-bedded hospital in a rented building at Banjara Hills in the city. The fundraising event is being organised to generate funds required to build its own premises and expand the capacity from 15 to 50 beds.