

Sky fest will be state's calendar event

HYDERABAD: From next year the TS government will jointly organise the Sky Fest with the current organisers as an annual event.

B.Venkatesham, secretary in the department of tourism and culture, said here on Saturday that the Sky Fest would be a calendar event of the state and marketed nationally to attract tourists to the city, from one lakh now to 10 lakh in coming years.

According to Venkatesham, the government has decided to hold one major event every month and a couple of international events every year to project the city internationally.

“We will organise a seaplane festival on Hussainsagar in January. These amphibian aircraft or float planes will attract people,” he added.

This year’s Sky Fest will be organised by ACT Fibernet, Sparsh Hospice (a charitable initiative of Rotary Club of Banjara, Hyderabad) at Gachibowli stadium from December 23 to 27. It will have shopping and food joints, midnight movies, balloon rides, music concerts, all at a place for five days.

The Akash Ganga team of Indian Air Force will perform para-jumping.

The 12-member sky diving team of the Indian Air Force will be dropped from a height of 8,000 ft from two helicopters. After opening the parachutes, they will make various formations and navigate to reach the targeted spot.

Sky-diving by IAF Team

Sky-diving by IAF’s Akash Ganga team to be highlight of this year’s event which will be held at Gachibowli stadium from Dec 23 to 27