

IAF Akash Ganga team to perform Para Jump

The Indian Air Force (IAF) Akash Ganga team to perform Para Jumping at ACT Fibernet Sky Fest 2015 at Gachibowli in the city on the occasion of ACT Fibernet SKY Fest 2015, a biggest 5-day Carnival, to be held from December 23 to 27.

B Venkatesham, Secretary, Tourism & Culture Dept., Govt. of Telangana and the organisers of the fest Jagadish Ramadugu, Rani Reddy, Rammohan Rao, Dr M. Subrahmanyam, Vijay Rangineni, Rakhi Kankaria of Rachnoutsav addressed a press conference here in city at Hotel Radisson Hyderabad at Gachibowli today.

Addressing a press conference here today, Telangana Tourism and Culture Secretary B. Venkatesham, declared that the Sky Fest henceforth will be an annual event and will be held every year from December 23 to 27.

It will be a calendar event of the state. It will be organised jointly by the present organizers and government of Telangana, informed Venkatesham.

We need festivals like Sky Fest and others to promote Hyderabad as a world class city. Government has decided to organise one major event every month and couple of international events every year to project city internationally, he said.

We will organise a SEA Plane activity as a Festival at Hussain Sagar lake in coming January. A seaplane is a powered fixed-wing aircraft capable of taking off and landing (alighting) on water. These amphibian aircrafts or floatplanes will add a lot of curiosity among the people as they haven't seen them before in the city, he said.

Telangana Government has already drawn an action plan to organise festivals to promote Hyderabad to raise the number of foreign tourists visiting Hyderabad from present one lakh to 10 lakh in next few years, informed B. Venkatesham.

Countries like Spain and France attract nearly 7 crore tourists annually. But, we don't get so many foreign tourists all India put together. Hyderabad in spite of being a 400 years old heritage city fails to attract more foreign tourists. The foreign tourists inflow must go up, he said.

Sky Fest organising Secretary Jagadish Ramadugu, said this is the first time Para Jumping is held at a festival in Hyderabad. Total twelve members, two officers and ten air men of Akash Ganga will perform Para Jumping every day during the 5-day fest.

The Akash Ganga team based at Agra has been performing these para jumping activities as peace time adventure activities.

The concept which began to hone their aerial assault techniques for wartime operations has become the most sought after fun and adventure activity thanks to encouragement from

The Indian Air Force informed Rammohan, President of Rotary Club of Banajara, Hyderabad who is organizing the Sky Fest in aid of Sparsh Hospice as a charity event to raise funds to support Palliative Care being provided them free of cost to terminally ill patients and their families free of cost for the past four years.

The team will be dropped from 8000 ft height from two helicopters. Then they will have free fall for some distance. Then they activate their parachutes in mid way and perform few formations. And navigate so well with precision that they land in a pre determined circle on the ground.

Akash Ganga is the 14 member Sky diving team of the Indian Air Force. It was created in August 1987. UNI KNR VV ADB2017