

# Hyderabad to host aviation summit from Oct 15

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The Begumpet Airport, which is closed for commercial operations after Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) commenced operations in March 2008, would host the four-day Indian Aviation 2008 beginning October 15.

The conference and expo is expected to attract 35 chief executive officers of major aviation related companies from 25 countries.

The US is a partner for the event, while Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) is the co-host with the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

"The conference would discuss the challenges and opportunities in the aviation sector," Mr M. Madhavan Nambiar, Secretary in Ministry of Civil Aviation, said.

## **MINISTERIAL DELEGATIONS**

Addressing a press conference here on Tuesday, seven ministerial level delegations would take part in the conference. The biggest passenger aircraft A-380 from France

would make an appearance at the event.

"The event will highlight the history, growth and the opportunities in the Indian aviation sector," he said.

## **AIR SHOW**

The event would be kicked off by a colourful air show by Surya Kiran of the Indian Air Force. This would be followed by para-sailing, para-jumping and hot-air ballooning by Aero Club of India.

About 150 companies would showcase their products and services at the expo.

Mr Praful Patel, Minister for Civil aviation, would inaugurate the four-day event, while Dr Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, would be the chief guest.

The Minister would take part in an open house that would discuss the policies and future strategies with the 35 CEOs.

"The event will help the Indian aviation players forge alliances with global companies," Mr Nambiar said.