

Hyderabad to host world aviation meet

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Hyderabad will host India Aviation 2008, the first-ever international exhibition and conference on civil aviation in the country, starting October 15.

The four-day event, to be held at Begumpet airport, will be inaugurated by Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel.

M Madhavan Nambiar, secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation; John Devaney, chairman of UK-based air traffic control service provider NATS; and Robert A Sturgell, administrator at the Federal Aviation Administration in the US, will

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the inaugural function. Delegates from more than 20 countries will participate, the ministry said in a statement.

On October 16, there will be a CEOs Forum, comprising chief executive officers from 38 companies across the world. The venue, spread over 10,000 square metres, will also have more than 150 exhibitors in

aviation and allied industries. Airbus, Boeing, EADS, Rolls Royce, Engine Alliance, Cessna Aircraft Company, Bell Helicopter Textron, ATR, Bombardier and others will put up a mega show at the event. Major airlines including Air India, Kingfisher, Jet Airways and Spicejet will also demonstrate their services.

Around 37 international and domestic aircraft, including A 380, the largest passenger aircraft in the world, Boeing 777 and Airbus 345 will be on display at the 7,000-sq mt airfield area. The event will be a platform for forging alliances and transfer of technology, the statement added.

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