

| 150 exhibitors to take part from October 15 to 18 |

A380 for city show

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HYDERABAD

Oct. 4: The world's largest passenger aircraft, the Airbus A380, will be a major attraction at the international air show to be held at Begumpet airport between October 15 and 18.

The aircraft which can carry more than 800 passengers in a one-class configuration will be both on static and flying displays.

Length-wise, it would nearly stretch from the goal line to the goal line of a

football field while its wing tips would hang well beyond the sidelines. It can fly a distance of over 10,000 miles non-stop.

The line-up of flying machines for the exhibition includes the Boeing 777, Airbus 340-400, Learjet, Global Express, Challenger, CRJ900, Gulf Stream, Illusion, Hawker Beechcraft, Cessnas and helicopters.

More than 150 exhibitors from leading aviation and allied industries from all over the world will participate.

There will be a daily flying display and customer demonstration flights from 9.30 am to 5 pm during the exhibition.

The opening ceremony on October 15 will also see a flypast by the Surya Kiran and Sarang aerobatics teams of the Indian Air Force, followed by para-sailing, para-jumping and hot air ballooning by Aero Club of India.

The exhibition will host a theme pavilion showcasing the past, present and future of civil aviation. Rare photographs and models would

be put on display.

According to organisers, preparations at the venue are in full swing for construction of hospitality chalets and air-conditioned pavilions, covering an area of over 12,000 square metres.

"The show will enable airlines and aircraft manufacturers to know the importance of Hyderabad and its strategic location which provide connectivity to all parts of the world," said Capt. S.N. Reddy, chief executive officer of the AP Aviation Academy.