

India's first civilian air show in Hyderabad on Oct 15

New Delhi, Sept 30: India's first civilian air show will kick off at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad on October 15.

"Hyderabad is the right place to host the show as it has the requisite facilities, and with some minor modifications it will become the permanent venue for the show to be held every two years," Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel told reporters.

"This time the show is being held in October, but from 2010 it will be held in February like the military air show in Bangalore," Mr Patel said. He said the event would be on a par

with the Paris Air Show and the London's Farnborough International Airshow.

More than 150 exhibitors from leading aviation and allied industries from around the world will participate in the event, 'India Aviation 2008', to be jointly organised by the Civil Aviation Ministry and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) from October 15-18.

The exhibitors will include Airbus, Boeing, EADS, HAL, BEL, Rolls Royce, Engine Alliance, Cessna Aircraft Company, Bell Helicopter Textron, ATR and Bombardier.