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High flying kite festival



Employees of corporates participating in the `Patang Utsav' at the Maneckshaw Parade Grounds in Bangalore on Sunday.

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KITE-FLYING IS an activity that both children and adults indulge into.

The people working in corporate companies in the city took part in the "Patang Utsav," a kite-flying festival, organised by Parikrama Humanity Foundation and Airtel at Parade Grounds on Sunday.

The Governor, T.N. Chaturvedi, who inaugurated the event, also tried his hand at kite-flying for a while.

The kites in many shapes, sizes, and colours, soared up in the sky.

The smaller ones flew so high that one could hardly see the strings controlling them.

An underprivileged student studying in Parikrma's Centre for Learning said, "The air travelling over the kite's curved surface is faster than the air passing underneath, which creates less pressure.

"The pressure underneath the kite creates the thrust that is required to make the kite soar."

Striking feature

A striking feature of the event was that the kites were made of the drawings of children from Parikrama.

A butterfly drawn by Nitish, a big fish by Shyam, mountain scenes by Shaheen, and other drawings done on canvas and plastic sheets, were featured at the kite flying festival.

"We have to tie the thread in a proper way to make these kites fly. Tying the thread and flying the kite reminds me of my school days.

"It is a different task altogether to make our kites fly higher than others," said an employee of TLE Software.

Teams from Infosys, ING Vysya, Manhattan Associates, Wipro, Nokia, and Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), participated in the event.

They all purchased the kites from Parikrama.

"We have bought two kites," said M.R. Sreenivasa Murthy, Managing Director of KSRTC, who participated in the event with a few of his employees.

"The amount collected from the event is for the development of underprivileged children," said Shukla Bose, chief executive officer of Parikrama Humanity Foundation.

This is the second time that Parikrama is organising the "Patang Utsav."

The Executive Director of Bharati Cellular Ltd., Jagdish Kini, said that Airtel is actively involved in helping organisations, such as Parikrama, provide education to underprivileged children.

He also said that Airtel sponsors programmes for the empowerment of women.

The Police Commissioner, S. Mariswamy; the former High Court Judge, M.F. Saldanha; the fashion designer, Prasad Bidappa; and ace athlete, Ashwini Nachappa, participated.

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