

MP Tourism to host Skydiving Festival in Ujjain

The Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board is gearing up to host the fourth edition of its highly anticipated Skydiving Festival, aiming to boost adventure tourism and expand the state's tourism offerings. This unique event will provide visitors with an exhilarating opportunity to skydive from a height of 10,000 feet, offering breathtaking views of the spiritual city of Ujjain.

Scheduled to run from **November 9, 2024, to February 9, 2025**, the three-month-long festival promises an unforgettable adventure experience. Madhya Pradesh's Minister for Culture, Tourism, and Religious Trusts and Endowments, Dharmendra Bhav Singh Lodhi, emphasized that under the leadership of Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, various initiatives are being undertaken to establish the state as a premier tourism destination. The transformation of Ujjain into an adventure tourism hub, spearheaded by the Skydiving Festival, is central to this vision.

Sheo Shekhar Shukla, Principal Secretary of the Tourism and Culture Department and Managing Director of the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board, highlighted the success of previous editions, which have garnered an enthusiastic response from adventure seekers. This year's festival will take place at the Datana airstrip in Ujjain, enabling participants to experience the thrill of free-falling against the backdrop of the city's iconic landscape.

The event will be conducted by Sky-high India, a DGCA and USPA-certified organization, ensuring safety and professionalism. The skydiving operations will utilize a specially modified Cessna 182P aircraft, capable of accommodating six individuals per flight, including two participants paired with trained instructors. More than 1,000 participants are expected to take part in this year's event.

In addition to tandem skydives, the festival sets the stage for future air-based activities in Madhya Pradesh, further enriching the state's adventure tourism portfolio. With safety measures in place and expert supervision, the Skydiving Festival is poised to deliver an unparalleled experience for thrill-seekers and solidify Madhya Pradesh's status as a top adventure destination in India.