

Edinburgh Science Festival comes to Bangalore

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BANGALORE: Ever wanted to do an endoscopy or a key-hole knee surgery? Here is your chance to do one in a near-real simulated operation theatre at the Edinburgh International Science Festival (EISF) to be held here.

After Abu Dhabi and Beijing, Bangalore is the latest city to host the festival which will include some interesting science workshops for adults and children. The festival is being held for the first time in India.

The 26th edition of the 10-day festival will take off on August 30 at Bharatiya City near Hebbal.

"The festival is a playground to explain the science behind everything such that children can also explore science through play," said Simon Gage, director and CEO of EISF.

A team of experts from the United Kingdom and India will guide the visitors through the festival. The festival will feature workshops on aspects of science and mathematics that children are not exposed to in school, said Dr. Gage.

Some of the highlights of the festival include a near-real simulation of an operation theatre where visitors can perform surgeries, administer first aid, etc., he said. Visitors can also get their hands dirty with gooey



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slime in the Splatistic workshop where one can create polymers and witness chemistry in action.

While the whole event is not particularly India-specific, the organisers have included workshops in robotics and aeronautical engineering as these areas have a lot of takers in India, the organisers said.

"The United Kingdom would like to be India's

partner of choice in various areas. This festival is one way of furthering our collaboration with India in the field of science," said British Deputy High Commissioner in India Ian Felton.

The festival is open to schools exclusively between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on weekdays and to public between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. It is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. to public on weekends. En-

try fee for children below the age of 17 is Rs. 500. Tickets for adults cost Rs. 300 and a family of four with two adults and two children can avail a special fee of Rs. 1,300.

Visit www.sciencefestival.in for details. Tickets are available at www.mycity4kids.com or www.bharatiyacity.com/eisf. Tickets will also be available at the festival venue.