

**Chennai's first ever International Hot Air Balloon Festival held at Mahindra World City – concludes with a gala finale**

~Three-day carnival attracted more than one lakh visitors, making it a grand success ~

~ Maestro Ilaiyaraaja felicitated at the festival in the presence of renowned celebrities~

**Chennai, January 06, 2019:** Mahindra World City, Chennai, in association with Tamil Nadu International Balloon Festival (TNIBF) today drew curtains on Chennai's first-ever hot air balloon festival. The carnival's grand finale concluded with a scintillating performance by Maestro Ilaiyaraaja, who mesmerized the crowd.

**Mr. P. Vijayan, Business Head (Residential), Mahindra World City, Chennai,** said, "It has been a fantastic weekend at Mahindra World City with an overwhelming response to the first ever International Hot Air Balloon Festival in Chennai. The carnival was a grand success, thanks to the untiring efforts of the organising team and to the presence of our esteemed visitors. We are inspired to continue to build on such community experiences at Mahindra World City and towards delivering on our promise of Sooper City, Sooper Life!"

The three-day long event witnessed more than 2000 individuals taking flight in secured balloon rides, soaring up above the scenic environs of Mahindra World City, Chennai. The dazzling display of glowing hot air balloons continued over all three evenings of the carnival.

One of the key highlights from the event was the felicitation of Maestro Ilaiyaraaja, widely regarded as one of India's greatest music composers; and a much-respected singer, songwriter, instrumentalist, orchestrator, and lyricist; by the Tamil Nadu Film Producers Council, in the presence of popular celebrities. Furthermore, in addition to the balloon rides, well-known artist Chutti Arvind, Azhar, singer Andrea Jeremiah, director Rajiv Menon, actor G.V. Prakash Kumar and vocalist Haricharan entertained visitors and participants.

150+ stalls at the carnival offered a wide range of fun and exciting activities, along with an assortment of food trucks and pop-up shops for handicrafts, clothes and much more – in other words, a complete family experience. Moreover, an exciting display of supercars and superbikes enthralled passionate auto fans.

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