

City gears up for a busy week ahead

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Looks like the festive season is here to stay. After the grand Delhi International Arts Festival, it's time for the city to enjoy Osian's Cinefan Film Festival, Nigah Queer Fest and India's premier Environment and Wildlife Film Festival, CMS Vatavaran along with many other highlights. As youngsters eagerly look forward to the week ahead, here's how the organisers have planned to satiate the taste-buds of all, by offering a platter of different activities.

From special shows for kids on the first day, to filmmaking workshops for students, the CMS Vatavaran, which will be held from October 27-31, is a treat for nature lovers with screening of movies on wildlife and environment.

"Not just that. We would also be showcasing films by young students. Also, those coming to attend the festival don't have to pay for the tickets of the films being screened. CMS Vatavaran definitely stands out from the

rest of the events happening in Delhi," informs Narender Yadav, communications manager, CMS Vatavaran.

Organisers of the Nigah Queer Fest will focus on photography workshops, panel discussions, music and parties, which are not being offered at other festivals. "Our film fest didn't clash with Osian's, since our movies have been screened already. Our focus is on music, photography and other activities in the forthcoming week," says Ponni Arasu, one of the organisers of the Nigah Queer Fest.

Indu Shrikent, festival director,

Osian's-Cinefan feels that having established itself in 10 years, Cinefan stands out of the rest of the events in the capital.

"Cinefan is a festival which many youngsters look forward to. There's no specific strategy required to pull audiences as those who attend the festival are quite aware of the quality of films we present," she says.



(Above) Stills from the films to be screened in CMS Vatavaran 2009; (below) Osian Film Festival launched in the city recently