At Astrofair, hundreds gaze into sky

Meevakshi Rathi [TNN]

Pune: Neither the cloudy skies nor the steady drizzle could dampen the spirit of the 100-odd amateur astronomers who gathered at the Kalyaninagar Mitra Mandir grounds on Friday to gaze at the stars, planets and moons more about the universe on the first day of Astrofair.

The two-day event has been jointly organized by the city-based group Astronauts and Sky magazine to celebrate the World Astronomy Day.

As many as eight telescopes have been put up at the venue. People started gathering 7 pm onwards and waited in long queues for hours for a glimpse of the celestial wonders. “I waited for half an hour to see the moon through a telescope. I felt as if I have been transported to the moon. I made sure that all my friends attended the fair,” said Jaideep Shastri, a resident of Kalyaninagar.

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The tanker filled with refined oil was on its way to Solapur when it was waylaid between Amba and Taljapur road around 1 am on Saturday by the suspects

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