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## Ranchi to host street food fest from Feb 15

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Ranchi: Ranchi Municipal Corporation, in collaboration with National Urban Livelihoods Mission and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), will host a three-day street food festival from February 15. The event is a part of Shehri Samridhi Utsav (urban prosperity festival) launched by chief minister Raghubar Das on January 20. The festival is, in turn, part of a nationwide series of events organized under the aegis of ministry of housing and urban affairs.

Ranchi mayor Asha Lakra said: "We will have 80 stalls, with about 40 of them set up by street food vendors. The remaining will highlight welfare schemes and projects run by both the Centre and the state government." Lakra also flagged off two e-rickshaws from Morhabadi. The vehicles will play jingles as they travel through the city to raise awareness about the programme.

Apart from providing assistance to people, RMC has also planned cultural events during the festival. "A cultural night has been proposed on the inaugural day, wherein artists will perform street plays, classical dance and ghazals to make the event more interesting. We have also roped in some banks to set up stalls that will provide on-the-spot financial assistance under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and self-help group beneficiaries," said deputy municipal commissioner Sanjay Kumar.