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T'Puram: A thrilling illusion, 'Bullet Catch,' performed by renowned Kolkata-based magician Prince Sil left the audience spellbound at Gandhi Park here on Monday evening.

The performance was organised as part of an event to introduce 'Magic Planet', the world's first 'edutainment' complex dedicated entirely to the art of magic which is nearing completion at Kinfra Film and Video Park near here.

The illusion by Prince Sil involved a marksman firing a loaded gun at the magician who then caught the bullet between his teeth. The bullet was examined and marked beforehand by the assembled dignitaries in the presence of the audience. "It was the first shot fired for Magic Planet," said



Prince Sil spits out the bullet after the 'Bullet catching act'

Prince Sil after the performance.

Prince Sil is perhaps the only magician in Asia who performs one of the most dangerous acts in magic. He was assisted by his fam-

ily in the performance that left the packed crowds at Gandhi Park holding their breath.

Magic Planet was officially unveiled by Minister for Industries and IT P K

Kunhalikutty. The facility will open to the public this year on October 31, which is marked around the world as World Magic Day.

Minister for Culture K C Joseph launched an ani-

imated film exploring Magic Planet and Minister for Health V S Sivakumar unveiled the project's mascot Harry, a bespectacled boy magician named after the celebrated illusionist and escape artist Harry Houdini.

Magic Planet has been conceptualised by The Academy of Magical Sciences - Asia's first institution to offer formal training in magic - as a space where children can engage in creative exploration and experience the magical aspects of science, mathematics and literature through a number of fun activities.

"Our aim is to educate the public, especially children, about the science behind magic," said Magic Academy executive director and renowned magician Gopinath Muthukad.