NOTICE

SUNDARBAN TIGER RESERVE & SOUTH 24 PARGANAS DIVISION WEST BENGAL FOREST DEPARTMENT PROUDLY ORGANISES



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SUNDARBAN BIRD FESTIVAL

FROM 7TH TO 10TH FEBRUARY,2023

AT SAJNEKHALI BEAT COMPLEX SUNDARBAN TIGER RESERVE

PARTICIPANTS WILL GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECORD THE OCCURRENCE OF VARIOUS BIRDS IN SUNDARBANS AND LEARN ABOUT THE ECOLOGY OF SUNDARBANS.

APPLICATIONS FROM THE INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS ARE INVITED FOR THE ADVENTURE FILLED EXERCISE.

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION: 25TH JANUARY,2023.

ONLINE APPLICATION LINK: https://forms.gle/fUXPKv9ReTfLShf68

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

SUNDARBANTIGERRESERVE.ORG

OR MAIL US AT

WILDBENGAL.COM WESTBENGALFOREST.GOV.IN sundarbanbirdfestival@gmail.com



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sundarbantigerreserve.org westbengalforest.gov.in wildbengal.com

Rules for Participation:

1. Participation Fee: Rs.10,000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand) Only.

On receiving a selection letter from our side after scrutiny, the applicant shall deposit the fee of Rs.10,000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand) Only to the designated bank account mentioned in the selection letter through electronic transfer. Only after the transfer of the mentioned sum the participation will be deemed registered.

The participants will be provided with the following amenities

- a.) Bird Festival kit
- b.) Drinking water, Food and Snacks
- c.) Accommodation, Pickup and Drop At Godkhali
- d.) Nature Guide, Training on Birds
- f.) Certificate on Completion of the exercise
- 2. Decision of the Organising Committee will be final.

3. If any participant fails to join the festival after making payment the following will be the refund policy:

- 1. Cancellation up to one Week prior to 7th February 2023 : Full Refund (100%)
- 2. Cancellation up to 4 days prior to 7th February 2023 : 50% 3. Cancellation on or after 4th February 2023
 - : No Refund
- 4. In case of cancellation of the festival due to COVID-19 Pandemic or any other unforeseen circumstances or Government order, FULL REFUND of Participation fee will be made to the participants.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)

Who can participate in the festival?

Any individual more than 18 years of age having good physical fitness and keen interest in nature can attend the festival. **Maximum of 24 participants** will be accommodated and selection will be subject to the decision of a screening committee. Willing participants can submit the registration form via the link provided. Date of submission of the participation fee will be informed through email for selected candidates.

Where is the Festival site?

Sundarban Bird Festival will be held covering the entire Sundarban Tiger Reserve and South 24 Parganas Division with a central camping site at Sajnekhali.

Where do I have to report on Inaugural day?

All the participants shall report at Godkhali Ferry Ghat, South 24 Parganas District for further registration on 7th February 2023, between 11.00 am and 2.00 pm. The Boat will leave the ghat by 2.00 pm and no further transportation will be arranged from the Ghat.

What about Accommodation?

The participants will be provided basic accommodation in Tent on a single or sharing basis, depending on the COVID situation on the first Day. On other Days Participants will have to stay in the boats along with other participants. Basic Bedding, quilt and washroom facilities are available in the boat. In case of any specific requirements, participants are requested to make necessary arrangements by themselves.

What about the food arrangement?

Food & Drinking Water shall be provided at the campsite and the Boats by the organizing committee.

Are there any Pick up and drop facilities?

Pickup facilities will be provided for the participants from Godkhali Ferry ghat on 7th February,2023. Details of Reaching Godkhali are provided in the Website <u>www.sundarbantigereserve.org</u>.

Drop facility on 10th February will also be till Godkhali Ferry ghat by 5.30pm.

What do I have to bring?

Selected participants are requested to bring their bird books, binoculars, photography equipments, sleeping bag, winter wears, water bottle, torch, first-aid kit and medicines in case of personal requirements.

How do I Register?

By Online only, Link : <u>https://forms.gle/fUXPKv9ReTfLShf68</u>

After being selected by the selection committee?

Finally the selected list of participants will be sent a mail from the selection committee. On receipt of the mail, the selected participants are requested to fill the Registration Form(which will be attached in the mail). The **participation fee amounting to Rs.10,000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand) only per person for** the entire programme needs to be deposited in an earmarked bank account (which will be sent via email) by the finally selected participants. Applicants are requested to check their mails regularly from 25th January,2023.

After the payment of the fee, the participants are requested to send the following documents via mail to <u>sundarbanbirdfestival@gmail.com</u>

- 1.) Registration Form in pdf and Excel format.
- 2.) Aadhar id or any government Id
- 3.) Payment Receipt (Screenshot of Payment made)
- 4.) Expected Time of Arrival at Godkhali
- 5.) Any specific issues the participant wants the Organising committee to be kept informed.

How do I confirm my Registration?

All shortlisted participants will receive an email with Registration form and details of a bank account to deposit the participation fee. After receiving the above mentioned documents and completion of payment, the details will be verified. After verification of duly filled Registration Form & receipt of participation fee, a confirmatory mail will be sent to the participant's E-mail ID.

COVID Pandemic related?

All participants are required to adhere to COVID appropriate protocols as per Ministry of Home Affairs orders/ instructions during their visits.

What is the cancellation and refund policy?

Participants desiring cancellation of his/her registration shall have to inform the authority by email to <u>sundarbanbirdfestival@gmail.com</u> from his/her registered email id well in advance.

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The Field Director, SundarbanTiger Reserve

reserves the right to cancel or reschedule or alter any scheduled bird festival event.

Through Mobile: Shri. Debdarshan Roy, Assistant Field Director, STR

Mobile no: 8373091772 (only between 10.00am-6.00pm)

Postal Address:

Office of the CCF & Field Director, Sundarban Tiger Reserve, Canning West Bengal, India, Pin - 743329