

Rules for Participation:

1. Participation Fee: Rs.25,000 (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) per person for mainland participants. Rs.8,000 (Rupees Eight Thousand Only) per person for local islander participants.

On receiving a selection letter from department side after scrutiny, the applicant shall deposit the fee of 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 from mainland will be provided with the following -

- a.) Bird Festival kit
- b.) Drinking water, Food and Snacks
- c.) Accommodation, Pickup and Drop at Chidiyatapu
- d.) Bird Guide, Training on Birds
- f.) Certificate on Completion of the exercise

The local islander participants will be provided with the following -

- a.) Bird Festival kit
- b.) Drinking water and Snacks
- c.) Pickup and Drop at Chidiyatapu
- d.) Bird Guide, Training on Birds
- e.) Certificate on Completion of the exercise

2. Decision of the Organizing Committee will be final.

3. "Mainland Participants" are participants who are not from Andaman & Nicobar Islands who will be provided accommodation and travel arrangements. They will also include persons of foreign origin. "**Local Islander Participants**" are those who are from the Andaman & Nicobar Islands or are residing in the islands. They will not be provided with accommodation.

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

- 1. Cancellation up to 11:59 PM 6th February 2026: Full Refund
- 2. Cancellation up to 11:59 PM 10th February 2026: 50% Refund
- 3. Cancellation after 11:59 PM 10th February 2026: No Refund

4. In case of cancellation of the festival due to any unforeseen circumstances or Government order, FULL REFUND of Participation fee will be made to the participants.

5. Only medically fit persons are allowed to apply and participate.

6. The rooms will be allocated in twin/triple sharing basis to the Mainland participants.

7. The last date of registration is 11:59 PM, 1st February, 2026.

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 60 delegates/participants (40 participants from mainland and 20 local participants from ANI)** 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?

The 1st Island Bird Festival will be held covering the areas in and around of South Andaman Island. The accommodation for the mainland participants will tentatively be at Chidiyatapu.

Where do I have to report on Inaugural day?

All the participants shall report at Chidiyatapu for further registration on **14th February, 2026.**

What about Accommodation?

The participants will be provided basic accommodation at a hotel or tent. 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 or during field visits by the organizing committee.

Are there any Pick up and drop facilities?

Pickup facilities for field visits will be provided for the participants from the Camp site at Chidiyatapu.

What do I have to bring?

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

How do I Register?

By Online only, Link: <https://forms.gle/Y2QDsMcB7jNjq2x6>

After being selected by the selection committee?

Finally, the selected list of participants will be sent a mail from the department. 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.25,000 (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only) per person for mainland participants. Rs.8,000 (Rupees**

Eight Thousand Only) per person for local participants 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 16th February, 2025.**

After the payment of the fee, the participants are requested to send the following documents via mail to birdfestivalanf@gmail.com

- 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 Chidiyatapu.
- 5.) Any specific issues that 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.

What is the cancellation and refund policy?

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

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The Dept. of Environment & Forest, Andaman & Nicobar Administration reserves the right to cancel or reschedule or alter any scheduled bird festival event.

For any query, you are requested to contact Shri SK Roy, ACF Wildlife (Ph no. 9474228998) only between 9AM-5PM.