NOTICE



8th Buxa Bird Festival, 06-09 January'25, Buxa Tiger Reserve, Alipurduar

Applications in prescribed format are invited from interested participants for **8 th Buxa Bird Festival** to be held from **06 to 09 January, 2025 at Buxa Tiger Reserve, Alipurdar, West Bengal.** For online Application click on the link <u>https://forms.gle/9Tk4HZDVTRLC1EtQ9</u> or mail us at <u>buxabirdfest@gmail.com</u> by 15th November, 2025.

<u>For details please visit:</u> <u>www.wildbengal.com</u> www.westbengalforest.gov.in

> CCF & Field Director Buxa Tiger Reserve

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

On receiving selection letter from our side, the applicant shall have to deposit the fee of Rs.10,000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand) Only to the designated bank account through electronic transfer and then only the participation will be confirmed.

2. Decision of the Organizing 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 15 days prior to 3rd January 2025 : 75%
- 2. Cancellation up to 7 days prior to 3rd January 2025 : 50%
- 3. Cancellation On or before 31st December 2024 : 25%
- 4. Cancellation on or After 1st January'2025 : No Refund
- 4. In case of cancellation of the festival due to any unforeseen circumstances or Government order, <u>FULL REFUND</u> of Participation fee will be made by this authority.

LAST DATE FOR APPLICATION FORM SUBMISSION: 15th November 2024.

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 40 participants will be accommodated and selection will be subject to the decision of a screening committee. Willing participants can submit the registration form via provided link or email. Date of submission of participation fee will be informed through e mail.

Where is the Festival site?

The Buxa Bird Festival will be held covering entire Buxa Tiger Reserve with central camping site at Rajabhatkhawa.

Where do I have to report on Inaugural day?

All the participants shall report at Rajabhatkhawa Forest Department Camping Site for registration on 6th January 2025, by 11:00am.

What about Accommodation?

The participants will be provided basic accommodation in Tent either single or sharing basis.

What about the food arrangements?

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

Is there any Pick up and drop facilities?

Pickup facilities will be provided for the participants arriving by Trains at New Alipurduar/ Alipurduar Junction Railway Station on 6th January 2025. Those arriving by road/air should report directly at Rajabhatkhawa Forest Department Camping Site.

Drop facility on 9^{th} January to Alipurduar Junction & New Alipurduar Railway station or A lipurduar T own will also be provided. It is advisable to book return tickets preferably by trains leaving Alipurudar after 16.00 Hrs on 9^{th} January 2025.

What do I have to bring?

All the registered (Selected) participants are requested to bring their hand books on birds, binoculars, photography equipment's, sleeping bag, winter wears, water bottle, torch, first-aid kit. Carrying personal Sleeping Bag is must, as the temperature significantly drops $9 - 10^{\circ}$ C in the camping site and nights are chilly during festival.

How do I Register?

By Online only https://forms.gle/9Tk4HZDVTRLC1EtQ9 or mail us to buxabirdfest@gmail.com

After selected by selection committee of Buxa Bird Festival?

Have to submit their participation fee to provided bank, received via Buxa Bird Festival register mail only. Participants have to share their bank transaction details & Journey Details thereafter. The **participation fee amounting to Rs.10,000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand) only per person for** the entire programme needs to be deposited in earmarked bank account by the finally selected participants & confirmed via their email. **The participation fee includes food, drinking water, accommodation, nature guide charges, Pick-up & Drop facility, birding kit**.

What is the cancellation and refund policy?

Participant desiring cancellation of his/her registration shall have to inform the authority by email to <u>buxabirdfest@gmail.com</u> from his/her registered email id well in advance and positively on or before 5 PM of 3^{rd.} January 2025. If any participant fails to join the festival after making payment the following will be the refund policy.

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The Field Director, Buxa Tiger Reserve reserves the rights to cancel or reschedule any scheduled festival event mentioned in the program details.

How do I contact Buxa Bird Festival organizers?

Through email: buxabirdfest@gmail.com,

Through Mobile: Mr. Mayukh Ghose. Wildlife Biologist, Buxa Tiger Reserve; Mobile no: 08509836406 (call / whatsapp)

Postal Address: Office of the CCF & Field Director, Buxa Tiger Reserve, PO: Alipurduar Court, West Bengal, India, Pin - 736122
