

NOTICE

SUNDARBAN BIOSPHERE RESERVE
WEST BENGAL FOREST DEPARTMENT
PROUDLY ANNOUNCES

4th
Sundarban Bird Festival

23rd January to 27th January, 2026

Sajnekhali Beat Complex, Sundarban Tiger Reserve

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

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

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS: **21st December, 2025.**

ONLINE APPLICATION LINK: <https://forms.gle/5YuHjx7aSbmurR377>

For further details please visit the following websites:

sundarbantigerreserve.org

wildbengal.com

westbengalforest.gov.in

or email us at

sundarbanbirdfestival@gmail.com

Rules for Participation:

1. Participation Fee: Rs.15,000 (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only).

On receiving a selection letter from our side after scrutiny, the applicant shall deposit the fee of Rs.15,000 (Rupees Fifteen 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

- 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:

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| 1. Cancellation up to one Week prior to starting date of the festival | : Full Refund |
| 2. Cancellation up to 4 days prior to starting date of the festival | : 50% |
| 3. Cancellation on or after 20th January, 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.



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 **23rd January 2026, between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm**. The Boat will leave the ghat by 12.00 pm and no further transportation will be arranged from the Ghat.

What about Accommodation?

The participants will be provided basic accommodation. 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. On the final day, rooms on a sharing basis will be arranged for the participants on a need-by-need basis.

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 (2.5 -3 hours travel by car from Kolkata) on **23rd January, 2026**. Details of Reaching Godkhali are provided in the Website www.sundarbantigereserve.org.

Drop facility on **27th January** will also be till Godkhali Ferry ghat by 5.00 pm.

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: <https://forms.gle/5YuHjx7aSbmurR377>

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.15,000.00 (Rupees fifteen 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 26th December, 2025.**

After the payment of the fee, the participants are requested to send the following documents via mail to sundarbanbirdfestival@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 Godkhali ghat
- 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.

What is the cancellation and refund policy?

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

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, Sundarban Tiger Reserve
reserves the right to cancel or reschedule or alter
any scheduled bird festival event.**

Through Mobile: Shri. Partha Debnath, Assistant Field Director, STR

Mobile no: 6296903602 (**only between 11.00am-5.00pm**)

Postal Address:

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