NOTICE



6th Buxa Bird Festival, 06-09 Jan,

Buxa Tiger Reserve, Rajabhatkhowa, Alipurduar

Applications in prescribed format are invited from interested participants for **6th Buxa Bird Festival** to be held from **06 to 09 January, 2022 at Buxa Tiger Reserve, Rajabhatkhowa, Alipurdar.** For online Application link mail us at buxabirdfest@gmail.com by 7th December, 2021. Visit the link mentioned below.

For details please visit:

<u>www.wildbengal.com</u> www.westbengalforest.gov.in

> CCF & Field Director Buxa Tiger Reserve

Please apply online through the link below:

https://forms.gle/ExP2nEsSdKyZ17jFA Or ask for link at at buxabirdfest@gmail.com

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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:

Cancellation up to 15 days prior to 3rd January 2022 : 75%
 Cancellation up to 7 days prior to 3rd January 2022 : 50%
 Cancellation up to 2 days prior to 3rd January 2022 : 25%

4. Cancellation on or After 3rd January'2022 : No Refund

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4. In case of cancellation of the festival due to COVID-19 Pandemic or any other unforeseen circumstances or Government order, <u>FULL REFUND</u> of Participation fee will be made to the participants.

LAST DATE FOR APPLICATION FORM SUBMISSION: 07th December 2021.

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 50 participants will be accommodated and selection will be subject to the decision of a screening committee. Willing participants can submit the registration form via 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 Rajabhatkhowa.

Where do I have to report on Inaugural day?

All the participants shall report at Nature Interpretation Center (NIC), Rajabhatkhowa for registration on 6th January 2022, by 11:00am.

What about Accommodation?

The participants will be provided basic accommodation in Tent on single or sharing basis, depending on the COVID situation.

What about the food arrangement?

Food & Drinking Water shall be provided at campsite by organising 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 2022. Those arriving by road/air should report directly at NIC Rajabhatkowa.

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

What do I have to bring?

All the registered (Selected) participants are requested to bring their bird books, binoculars, photography equipments, 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 North Bengal and nights are chilly during winters.

How do I Register?

By Online only https://forms.gle/ExP2nEsSdKyZ17jFA

After selected by selection committee?

Have to submit filled in application online through provided link via email with bank transaction details & Journey Details. 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.

How do I confirm my Registration?

All shortlisted participants will receive an email with details of bank account to deposit the participation fee. 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 with COVID appropriate protocols as per Ministry of Home Affairs orders/ instructions during their visits.

What is the cancellation and refund policy?

Participant desiring cancellation of his/her registration shall have to inform the authority by email to buxabirdfest@gmail.com from his/her registered email id well in advance and positively on or before 5 PM of 3rd January 2022. 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 right 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: Sri. Mayukh Ghose.

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