

International Purple Fest 2024, Goa: **A Celebration of Inclusivity and Empowerment**

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The Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities and Directorate of Social Welfare is thrilled to announce the much-anticipated **International Purple Fest 2024, Goa**. The event promises to be a spectacular global celebration of inclusivity and empowerment, set to unfold from 8th -13th January'2024 in the enchanting state of Goa. The announcement of **International Purple Fest 2024** comes as a testament to the event's exponential growth and success for the first edition of Purple Fest 2023. The international edition will extend the Purple Fest experience to a global audience, bridging cultures and nurturing artistic collaborations on an unprecedented scale.

The official announcement was made in the presence of esteemed dignitaries, including the Chief Minister of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant, Shri Subhash Phal Desai, Minister for Social Welfare, Govt of Goa, Shri Subhash Chandra, Secretary for Social Welfare, Govt of Goa, Shri. Guruprasad Pawaskar, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Goa and Shri. Taha Haaziq- Secretary, Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities conveyed their dedication to fostering inclusivity on an international level.

International Purple Fest 2024 will stand as an exemplary testament to the strides made in creating a global community that embraces individuals of all abilities and empowers them to thrive. With the theme of "Diversity Unites Us," this extraordinary festival aims to transcend borders and create a universal platform for promoting awareness, advocacy, and accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).

"We envision International Purple Fest 2024 as a beacon of hope and a catalyst for change on a global scale. By uniting diverse perspectives, we can

*create a world that truly celebrates the uniqueness of each individual. Purple Fest will serve as a platform to ignite positive change, enabling PwDs to reach new heights and contribute significantly to the social fabric of our nation," stated **Chief Minister of Goa, Dr.Pramod Sawant.***

Minister for Social Welfare Goa, Shri Subhash Phal Desai, expressed his enthusiasm, saying *"This festival embodies the spirit of Goa - vibrant, diverse, and welcoming. We are proud to host Purple Fest and embrace the opportunity to advance the cause of inclusivity. We believe that a truly inclusive society is one that recognizes and celebrates the unique strengths and talents of every individual. Purple Fest International 2024 is not just a festival; it is a resounding call for unity, equality, and understanding."*

Secretary for Social Welfare, Govt of Goa Shri Subhash Chandra added *"At the heart of the International Purple Fest 2024 lies a celebration of unity, compassion, and progress. Let us, together, paint the world with the vibrant colours of solidarity, as we work towards a more inclusive and equitable future for all. With your support and participation, we will make this festival a symbol of hope and transformation."*

During his keynote speech Master Sparsh Shah, singer, rapper, songwriter, music producer, inspirational speaker and philanthropist conveyed his heartfelt appreciation for individuals with disabilities, recognizing their unique ability to perceive the world's diversity and to express themselves authentically and find profound moments of connection".

He went on to acknowledge the challenges brought about by uncertainty, highlighting the extraordinary instances of love and unity that will arise from them. He also emphasised the importance of transcending labels, encouraging society to embrace uniqueness and reject limitations, asserting that being "disabled" should not confine anyone's potential. The speech

concluded with a resounding call for acceptance and unity, emphasizing the unyielding spirit and immense contributions of the disabled community, underscoring their pivotal role in shaping a diverse and inclusive world.

Shri. Gurprasad Pawaskar stated, "We are immensely proud to host this prestigious event in the serene and welcoming atmosphere of Goa. Together, we can forge a brighter and more inclusive future for PwDs all across the world. This unique festival promises an inspiring experience, combining a plethora of activities that aim to sensitize society, foster understanding, and promote innovation and accessibility on a global scale. The incredible turnout and the positive feedback from attendees motivated us to take this event to an international stage. We believe that **International Purple Fest 2024** will further transcend boundaries and connect communities worldwide through the power of inclusivity".

The **International Purple Fest 2024** promises to be an unforgettable experience that will leave a lasting impact on individuals and communities. By championing the rights and capabilities of Persons with Disabilities, the festival seeks to create a more inclusive and compassionate world. Join us in [January 2024](#) for the International Purple Fest 2024 in Goa where we celebrate the indomitable spirit, creativity, and potential of every individual, fostering a global community that thrives on diversity and inclusion.

Secure your spot at International Purple Fest 2024 by registering online at link purplefest.goa.gov.in. Registration begins from the 23rd October, 2023. Registration fees will include early bird registration fees and fees after early bird registration is over. For Delegate Registration One can also apply after selecting a suitable category of registration.

The key highlights of Purple Fest International 2024 are as follows:

Purple Think Tank: The festival will commence with compelling brainstorming sessions featuring distinguished National level speakers and panellists. These thought-provoking discussions will tackle crucial issues, advance ideas, and pave the way for a more inclusive society.

Purple Experience: An unparalleled opportunity to sensitize major groups of society towards the lives and challenges faced by Persons with Disabilities. Through interactive experiences, participants will gain a deeper understanding of their journeys and triumphs.

Purple Exhibition Zone: A remarkable learning experience awaits attendees at the Exhibition Zone, showcasing various innovations, aids, and appliances from across the globe. Witness the cutting-edge solutions that enhance the lives of PWDs and promote independent living.

Purple Convention: Engage in a cluster of conferences, thoughtfully organized on a wide range of subjects concerning Persons with Disabilities. Experts, advocates, and enthusiasts will explore diverse perspectives and propose actionable measures for an inclusive world.

Purple Sports: Celebrating the spirit of inclusivity, Purple Fest International will host an exhilarating track filled with sports championships for both Persons with Disabilities and regular individuals. Experience Blind football, wheelchair cricket, Special Olympics, Para Athletics, Unified Beach Cricket, Para Swimming Tournaments, and more, showcasing determination and talent.

Purple Rain: Be mesmerized by live performances from renowned artists, both with and without disabilities, from national and international levels. These performances will showcase the vibrancy and diversity of talents that break barriers and inspire countless others.

Purple Fun: Embark on an adventurous journey with accessible tourism and other activities such as Bird Watching, Smart City walk, Astronomy walk, Goa Darshan, Coastal Trail, and more. Embrace the beauty of Goa while promoting accessibility and inclusiveness.

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