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**DHALO-FUGADI FESTIVAL – 2024 of the Directorate of Art & Culture
on 8th December 2024 at 12 different places in Goa.**

The Department of Art & Culture is organizing Dhalo-Fugadi Festival in the last many years i.e. from 2002 at different places in Goa. The main aim of this festival is to promote and preserve the Goan traditional folk dances i.e. Dhalo and Fugadi. The said folk forms are normally presented by the woman artists, groups, mandals etc. to showcase their talent on stage and to promote the art form. The women artists from the state of Goa eagerly wait for this festival to present the Dhalo-Fugadi dance performances.

Initially in 2002 the festival was organized at one place with 20 womens group. Then after the participation of the groups increased to 50 nos and the programme was held at two venues. In 2016 the Department has received huge response from all over Goa and groups were further increased and Department had to organise the festival at seven different places. And now it has been decided to organize the said festival at 12 different taluka places in Goa on 8th December 2024. The venue will be informed to all the groups as per submission of forms.

In the year 2002 the festival was organized at one place with 20 women groups. There after the participation of the groups increased to 50 nos and the programme was held at two venues. Since the groups were increased the venues were also increased. During 2013-14, the activity was held at 4 venues. The groups were further increased and Department had to organised the festival at seven places. However the performance time was reduced from 15min to 8min. To increase the time limit of the performance of the participants it was decided to increase the venues of festival from 7 to 13. The said festival was not organized by the Department during 2015-16. It was decided to organize the said festival once in two years and accordingly this year i.e. 2024-25 the festival will be organized at 12 different taluka places by giving 10 to 12 minutes of performance time for each group on Sunday 8th December 2024 at different venues. At all places the festival will be held on one day itself i.e. 08/12/2024.

An interested group may collect the prescribed entry forms from the office of the Directorate of Art & Culture, Sanskruti Bhavan, Patto, Panaji, Goa, All Ravindra Bhavan's and Rajiv Gandhi Kala Mandir Ponda during office hours and also available on <https://www.goa.gov.in/departments/art-and-culture/>The last date to submit the form to the Department on above addressed on or before 29th November 2024. No spot entries will be accepted.

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