

## **TRIPURARI POURNIMA FESTIVAL TO BE CELEBRATED ON NOV 15**

**Panaji: November 7, 2024  
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The State level “Tripurari Pournima Festival” which is celebrated on the banks of river Valvonti at Vitthalapur, Sankhali, will be held this year on **November 15, 2024** from 7.00 p.m. onwards. The annual celebration will be jointly organised by Directorate of Art and Culture, Department of Tourism, Goa Tourism Development Corporation, Department of Information and Publicity, and other Government Departments, Shree Dev Vithal Panchayatan Devasthan, Vithalpur, Sankhali and Deepawali Utsav Samittee, a local cultural organization from Vitthalapur, Sankhali.

The main feature of the festival is the spectacular State Level Boat Competition that is held in the basin of river Valvonti. More than 50 handcrafted creative boats participating from different parts of the state are sailed in the river as a part of the boat sailing competition.

The celebrations will begin at 7.00 pm with procession of Lord Shreekrishna and sailing of traditional lamps in the river Valvonti (Deepdan), followed by Presentation of Cultural programme at 7.30 p.m. and Palkhi procession of Shree Vithal Rakhumai at 10.30 p.m..

The traditional Boat Show / Competition will be held from 10.30 p.m. to 12.00 midnight, and Tripurasur Vadh will be held at 11 p.m. The release of traditional Saranga lamps in the sky will be held at 11.05 p.m.

The following prizes will be given to the winners and participants of the State Level Boat Competition. The first Prize comprises of Rs. 35,000/-, (Rolling Trophy by Art and Culture Minister’s Rolling trophy presented by Directorate of Art and Culture, Government of Goa and certificate, the second Prize comprises of Rs. 30,000/-, (Rolling Trophy by Goa Tourism Development Corporation Panaji Goa and certificate, the third Prize comprises of Rs. 25,000/- (Rolling Trophy by Late Vithoba Krishnaji Naik , Vitthalapur Sankhali) and certificate, the fourth prize comprises of Rs. 20,000/- and certificate while the fifth Prize comprises of Rs.15,000/- and certificate.

There will be five Consolation Prizes of Rs. 8,000/- each and certificates. An honorarium of Rs. 5,000/- each and certificates will be given to ten selected boats. All the remaining participants will receive Rs. 4000/- each as participation allowance and certificates as approved by the judges.

All Goan participants and artist are requested to participate in the State Level Boat Competition with their creative handcrafted boats. The details of the competition are available at the office of Deepawali Utsav Samittee, Vithalpur Sankhali (Contact Shri. Sameer Desai on [9923119009](tel:9923119009))

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