

LOKOTSAV-2025 FROM JANUARY 17TH TO 26TH 2025

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Directorate of Art & Culture will be presenting a mixture of Folk forms & Handicrafts from all over India at the yearly (Folk festival) Lokotsav-2025 to be organized from 17th to 26th Jan. 2025. The Festival will be held at Darya Sangam, Kala Academy, Goa. Around 600 Folk artists will be presenting various folk dances and music of their states and also around 1000 craft persons will be displaying their Handicraft items during the festival period.

The inaugural function of the festival will be held on January 17, 2025 at 6.00 p.m at Darya Sangam, Kala Academy, Goa. The Chief Minister, Dr. Pramoc Sawant, will be the Chief Guest, Shri Sadanand She Tanavade, Member of Rajya Sabha, Shri Govind Gaude, Minister for Art and Culture, Dr. V. Candavelou, (IAS), Chief Secretary, Shri. Rohit Monserrate. Mayor, Corporation of the City of Panaji, Secretary Art and Culture will be the Guest of Honor. Shri. Furqan Khan, Director, West Zone Cultural Centre, Udaipur and Shri Sagun R. Velip, Director Art and Culture will also grace the function.

Thematically designed stage will be the special attraction of the festival. This folk festival is organized by the Directorate of Art & Culture, every year joint collaboration of West Zone Cultural Centre, Udaipur, Kala Academy, Sports Authority of Goa and Corporation of the City of Panaji. A perfect platform is given to artisans to showcase and sale their crafts. This is 24th year of Lokotsav in Goa and day day its popularity is increasing rapidly. The folk artists and craftsman from Rajasthan, Gujarat, Assam, Manipur, Haryana, West Bengal, Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Sikkim, Tripura, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala including Goa are invited to present the folklore of their respective states in Loke 2025.)

Around 20 folk groups from Goa will be performing various Goan folk dances like Ganesh Vandana, Kunbi, Jagor, Dekhani, Veerbhadra, Tonya Khel, Mussal, Lamp Dance, Dhangar Dance, Ghodemodni, Goff, Mando, Talgadi, Morulo etc. on different days.

The artists from other states will perform the folk dances and Music like Mangniy Kalbelia, Bhavai, Chari Nrutya, Bahurupia and Puppeteers Rajasthan. Bihu be performed by Assam artists. Mewasi, Siddhi Dhamal & Garba from Gujarat. Pung Dhol Choram, Thangta by the state of Manipur, Purulia Chhau, Natua Nrutya and Raibenshe West Bengal. The state of Maharashtra will present Lawni and Powada. Ghumar Pha Haryana will be presented. Gotipua from Odisha, Dheendhiya from Uttar Prac Dholukunitha from Karnataka. Total around 600 folk artists will showcase their talent during this mega festival.

Around 550 stalls will exhibit handicraft items from different states which includes Bandhani, Kathputali, Lakh Bengals, Leather bags Leather foot wares, Khadi, Kotha and materials, handmade garments, Carpets, Glass wear, Clay art, Furniture, Wooden Toys print, Appliqué work as well as Goan crafts will be displayed for sale.

The Goan people will also be able to enjoy the taste of the traditional food of Rajasthan, Gujrat, Haryana, Maharashtra including Goa from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.

The Cultural programme will be held every day during the festival where various folk dances/ music will be presented from 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Exhibition will be open to the public from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.

A special "Tribal Craft Mela", showcasing the art and cuisine will be organised in collaboration with Directorate of Tribal welfare, Research Institute, Goa and Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi. This craft mela is a special feature during the national level folk festival.

The painting and sculpture exhibition of Goan artists will be displayed at the Gallery of Kala Academy in commemoration of Centenary birth year celebration of "Manohar Rai Sardesai" and "Dnyanpeeth Awardee Ravindra Kelekar" renowned

A craft workshop on Mollela a traditional terracotta art of Rajasthan organised in collaboration with WZCC, Udaipur for the benefit of general lovers from 20th to 24th 2025 from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. at the Rehearsal hall, Kala Academy Goa. Interested applicants can enroll for the same.

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