

**UNION MINISTER FOR HEALTH INVITED FOR INTERNATIONAL
PURPLE FEST 2025**

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Minister for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Shri Subhash Phal Dessai, along with Secretary of the State Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Shri Taha Haaziq extended formal invitation to Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda to attend the upcoming International Purple Fest 2025.

Shri Phal Dessai briefed Shri Nadda on the impactful initiatives and outcomes of the previous two editions of the Purple Fest — a pioneering event dedicated to celebrating and empowering Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). The Minister highlighted the various inclusive activities, community engagement programs and policy-driven initiatives that have been carried out under the banner of the Purple Fest.

Impressed by the commitment and innovative approach of the Government of Goa, Shri Nadda praised the exemplary work done in promoting the welfare and inclusion of PwDs. He expressed keen interest in attending the International Purple Fest 2025 and lauded the State's efforts in setting a national benchmark for disability inclusion.

Shri Nadda also assured full support from the Union Government in furthering PwD-friendly infrastructure across Goa. He emphasized the importance of health-focused initiatives for PwDs and pledged coordination across Central Government departments.

The Government of Goa remains committed to making Purple Fest 2025 a global platform for advocacy, inclusion, and celebration of diversity.

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