

TRIPURARI POURNIMA

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The festival of Tripurari Pournima itself is a part of a legend. It is said that Lord Shiva burnt down three fortresses (Puras) of demon Tripura, and set free the Gods and humans held captive. The gods celebrated this event by lighting lamps. This festival is also called 'Dev Diwali'.

At Vithalapur in Sankhali, there is a tradition of celebrating "Deeparadhana" (lamp of fire worship) on this day. The Vithala temple is illuminated with lamps and a Palanquin procession of Lord Vithala winds its way to the river Valvanti. After Deeparadhana, lamps are set adrift in Valvanti, resulting in a sublimely beautiful sight. Earlier the festival was celebrated very humbly by floating earthen lamps placed in 'Dronas' cups fashioned out of thick dried leaves. As times changed, and even the tiniest of villages in Goa bore the fruits of electrification, the spirit of enterprise took over the festival. The old fashioned 'Dronas' as a floating device for the lamps were replaced by more modern and artistic devices. People started making boats of cardboard and thermacol and in recent times of eco friendly material and illuminating them with modern electric bulbs. Today this has culminated into a state level competition for the most artistic and technically superior boat.

It is a matter of pride for Goans, especially from Sankhali - Sattari, to take part in this competition. Tradition makes way for modernity quite regularly in India, but the old ways are never abandoned. The traditional 'Diya in a Drona' is still given pride

of place in the scheme of events. The diyas or deepas have the privilege of taking to the water first, before the boats set sail. This is followed by a series of cultural programmes and dance-drama, including an enactment of Lord Shiva's victory over demon tripurasur. A fantastic display of fireworks adds to the celebration as it goes well onto the moon night. And not just for winners of the boat competition, but for all humanity. We once again remind ourselves of the victory of good over evil.

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Cordially invites you for
the traditional

TRIPURARI POURNIMA FESTIVAL

on Wednesday, 5th November 2025
from 7.00 p.m. onwards
at Vithalapur, Sankhali - Goa

Chief Guest
Dr. Pramod Sawant
(Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Goa)

Guests of Honour
Shri. Rohan Khaunte
(Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Govt. of Goa)

Shri. Ramesh Tawadkar
(Hon'ble Minister for Art & Culture, Govt. of Goa)

Shri. Pratapsingh Raoji Rane
(Former Chief Minister of Goa &
Chairman, Shree Dev Vithal Panchayatan Devasthan)

Shri. Premendra Shet
(Hon'ble MLA, Maem Constituency &
Chairman, Goa State Horticulture Corporation)

Dr. Deviya Rane
(Hon'ble MLA, Poriem Constituency &
Chairperson, Goa Forest Development Corporation)

Smt. Siddhi Prabhu Porob
(Chairperson, Sankhali Municipal Council)

Shri. Laxman S. Gurav
(Sarpanch, Village Panchayat Karapur Sarvan)

Shri. Audumbar Alias Narendra Jogle
(President, Deepawali Utsav Samiti)