

अंडमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन
Andaman and Nicobar Administration

कला एवं संस्कृति निदेशालय
Directorate of Art & Culture

Sri Vijaya Puram, dated 06th October 2026

PRESS RELEASE

Island Tourism Festival – 2026

Art & Culture Department to present cultural programmes at various venues across
A&N Islands

Applications invited from Isles' cultural associations by Nov 6

The Island Tourism Festival-2026 is scheduled to be organised by the Tourism Department, A&N Administration from 27th to 31st December 2026. As part of ITF-2026, the Art & Culture Department, A&N Administration will be presenting cultural programmes at various venues across the A&N Islands.

In this regard, applications are invited from local cultural associations and organizations of A&N Islands interested in performing during the ITF. Each group is required to submit details of at least four to six cultural programmes, with a minimum duration of 30 minutes for dance performances and 45 minutes to 1 hour for singing performances per occasion. This will enable the Programme Selection Committee to assess and select from a diverse range of performances for presentations at different venues.

Participating artists must be 8 years of age or above and each group must consist of a minimum of 8 members and a maximum of 15 members per venue. A self-certificate must be submitted along with the application, confirming the group's willingness to perform at any of the designated venues during the festival as allotted by this Department. Non-compliance may result in withdrawal from participation in the cultural programmes during the ITF and may be reviewed by the Department when considering future programmes. The applications must be submitted by 4:00 PM of 6th November 2026 either in person at the Directorate of Art & Culture, Cellular Jail Complex, Atlanta Point, Sri Vijaya Puram or via email to artand.culture@and.nic.in. The prescribed application form (Annexure-I) and self-certificate format can be downloaded from either <https://andaman.gov.in> OR <https://artculture.andamannicobar.gov.in>

The Programme Selection Committee will select programmes for different venues during the rehearsals to be conducted on 11th and 12th November 2026 for dance groups and 13th November 2026 for singing groups at Andaman Club from 2 to 7 PM. The Department encourages presentation of classical, semi-classical, traditional and folk dances along with related musical forms such as bhajans, qawwalis and folk songs from different states.

The participants have been asked to be present before the Selection Committee to showcase their performances as per the above mentioned date and time. Changing of date, time and venue after being selected will be on the discretion of the Department. For any queries, interested organizations may contact at 03192-234775 during working hours.


Director (Art & Culture)
(F.No M-13/2/2026-Estt-A&C-AC_AN)/1076

Copy to :-

1. PS to Secretary (Art & Culture) for kind information of Secretary (Art & Culture), A & N Administration.
2. PA to Director (IP&T) for kind information of Director (IP&T), A&N Administration.
3. The Director, Doordarshan Kendra, Sri Vijaya Puram.
4. The Chief Editor, The Daily Telegrams, Sri Vijaya Puram for publishing in Daily Telegrams.
5. The News Correspondent, All India Radio, Sri Vijaya Puram.
6. The Programme Officer, SOVTECH with the request to upload the press release , application form and self-certificate in the website "<https://andaman.gov.in>" AND "<https://artculture.andamannicobar.gov.in>"


05/10/26
Director (Art & Culture)


Annexure-I

Application form for Participation in Island Tourism Festival – 2026

I/We, the undersigned, hereby submit our application for participation in the Island Tourism Festival–2026, organized by the Directorate of Art & Culture, Andaman & Nicobar Administration. The details of our cultural association/organization are as follows:

1. Name of the Organization: _____

2. Registration Number : _____

(A copy of the registration certificate is enclosed.)

3. Address of the Organization: _____

4. Phone Number: _____

5. Email ID: _____

6. Programme Details: We propose to present the following cultural programmes

i) Title and synopsis of each programme

ii) Duration of each performance

iii) List of 15 songs (for vocal performances)

(A typed document detailing the above is enclosed.)

7. Number of Artists: _____

(A list of participating artists with names, ages, address, contact nos is enclosed.

The group comprises a minimum of 8 members and maximum of 15 members, all aged 8 years or above. Birth Certificate/any other Govt. document indicating age or D.O.B is enclosed)

8. Bank Account Details of the Organization:

i. Account Number: _____

ii. Bank Name: _____

iii. Branch Name: _____

iv. IFSC Code: _____

(A copy of the front page containing bank A/c details of the passbook is enclosed.)

9. Self-Certificate:

We enclose a signed self-certificate confirming our willingness to perform at any of the designated venues of A&N Islands during ITF 2026 and our compliance with the eligibility criteria.

Date: _____

Place: _____

Signature with Seal

Name of Authorized Signatory

Designation

Contact Number