

## 2024 Edition Of Purple Fest to Don International Avatar

**UN to associate; summit on inclusive edu to propel vision further.**

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The Purple Fest, India's pioneering inclusive festival that celebrates persons with disabilities (PwDs), received a boost with the United States announcing its decision to associate with the 2024 edition of the festival.

The 2024 edition will see the festival roll its vision onto the international track with The Purple International We Care Film Festival and the Purple International Summit on Inclusive Education.

Social Welfare Minister on Thursday said that the International Purple Fest will be held in Goa from January 8 to 13, 2024.

The festival's continued aim remains to foster awareness and an understanding of disability issues, said the minister. The Purple International Summit on Inclusive Education will be held from January 9 to 11, 2024. It aims to facilitate learning from diverse educators on need-based educational implications for the overall development of children with disabilities in schools.



*The Purple Fest will also see an international film festival, which will be held from January 8 to 13, 2024.*

The Purple International We Care Film Festival will be held from January 8 to 13, 2024.

Speaking about the influential role of the film medium, Goa State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities Guruprasad Pawaskar said films have

the power to convey narratives related to people with disabilities to the younger generation.

Purple Fest organisers have urged the state's citizens to submit short films of up to 5-minute duration addressing disability issues.

Entries will be accepted until December 29, 2023. The film must include English subtitles and audio descriptions. The top three entries will win cash prizes of Rs 30,000, Rs 20,000 and Rs 10,000. Citizens can contact 9899472065 or 9811012065 for further information.

Those interested in participating in the summit have been asked to submit abstracts on various themes related to inclusive education by December 15, 2023. Selected papers will be presented during the festival and published with the I S B N, said Secretary, Goa State Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Taha. Haaziq.