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FOOD FESTIVAL: PREPARATION REACHES CRESCENDO

Hectic preparations are on at the ITF Ground, Port Blair to make the first ever ethnic and cultural food festival to be organized by the Directorate of Tourism in association with various State Cultural Associations in the Island a grand success. The State Cultural Associations in the Island have already taken over the stalls allotted to them in the permanent structure (1st Circle) in the ITF Ground and started decorating the same to give traditional ambience and cultural tinge of their respective State.

It may be noted that the three-day long Food Festival is organized from **24th Sept., 2011 to 26th Sept., 2011**. The food festival will be thrown open to general public and tourists alike free of cost from **5 PM to 10 PM**. It may be recalled that the theme for this year's World Tourism Day is: *Tourism linking Culture*.

As participation from cultural association has come to its finality, twelve local cultural associations representing, Gujrat Mitra Mondal, Punjab community welfare Association, Kerala Samajam, Bihar Manch, Maharashtra Mandal, Andhra Association, Tamizhar Sangam, Nicobaries Group, Bengali Group, Rajasthan Group, Karane Group, Orissa Group have confirmed putting up their stalls with their regional and traditional cuisine in the three day long food festival.

FIVE ORCHESTRAS TO PERFORM

To add music to the flavor of State's food, the Art & Culture Department has roped in five reputed orchestras in the Island to perform in the evening hours. The selected orchestras are Rhythm, Rang Mahal, BRW Films, Island Rock & Band Society Cultural Organization and Dream World Entertainment. The timing of the music session will also be from 5.00 PM to 10.00 PM.

SPECIAL TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

To facilitate islanders living in rural areas in South Andaman district, to experience the food festival, Directorate of Transport has assured arranging of bus services to and fro from ITF Ground from 4.00 PM to 10.00 PM during the festival days. The routes for bus services are being worked out.

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