



ANJALI INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN AND YOUTH
FESTIVAL

PROGRAM BROCHURE

SILVER JUBLIEE YEAR 2026



OVERVIEW

Anjali International Children and Youth Festival (AICYF) is an annual inclusive celebration that surrounds children with the best of workshops, science, culture and performing arts from around the world!

For more than 24 years, the AICYF has presented a month-long celebration of the finest quality scientific shows, fun with numbers, theatre, dance and music for young people aged three and up. We also offer a variety of creative workshops and on-site activities to further captivate and engage our audience.

A 4 days in camp extravaganza of the finest quality of workshops, contests, performances for children and youth aged 3-25.

THE FESTIVAL :

- ✓ **ATTRACTS BETWEEN 5000 AND 10000 SCHOOL CHILDREN, YOUNG ADULTS, THEIR FAMILIES, SCHOOLS, TEACHERS AND VISITORS, ANNUALLY.**
- ✓ Apart from this, AICYF's reach is more than 10,00,000 people through the means of various zonal and school level programs, Newspapers, Magazines, Social Media, Radio, T.V. Channels, Blogs, etc.
- ✓ Invites performers from across India who create an extraordinary cultural community for children and youth
- ✓ Has become the only professional, broad-based inclusive festival for young audiences across India and neighbouring countries.
- ✓ Has changed the lives of over **65,000** children since it commenced in 2001
- ✓ Starting from Bhubaneswar, has reached all 30 districts of Odisha, 27 states and UT of India and 13 countries.



ABOUT ANJALI

In this age of gadgets, when technology is robbing children of their creativity, imagination and human touch, Anjali is creating buoyant childhood memories filled with dance, music, outdoor activities, live competitions and interactions with living people. Anjali is a movement for an equal India. It is India's first and only International Children and Youth Festival which aims to bridge gaps for making society more inclusive and restore fun-filled childhood by joyful learning.

For five magical days in November, young participants are engaged and entertained by resource persons, celebrity visitors and hands-on arts activities devised to delight, challenge and spark imagination. Since its inception in 2001, more than 65000 children have attended the festival.

Workshops, Children's Film Festival, Competition, Carnival, Food Stall, Game Zone, Cultural Program, Exhibition, Tattoo, Magic , Dialogues in Disability, Comedy, Sound, Music, Dance and More.....

2026 PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE



SPECIAL SHOWS

Puppetry, 3D Art and Magic



CONTESTS

12 Literary, Performing, Creative & Scientific



WORKSHOPS

15 Categories



CARNIVAL OF LOVE

Rhythm-Music & Fun



BISCOPE

Children's Film Festival



INDRADHANUSH

Dance & Music Professional Artists



DIALOGUES IN DISABILITY



EXHIBITIONS

Art-Photo-Cartoons-Hobby



FESTIVALS OF JOY

Raja and Halloween



CITY TOURS

Exploring Bhubaneswar



FOOD ZONE

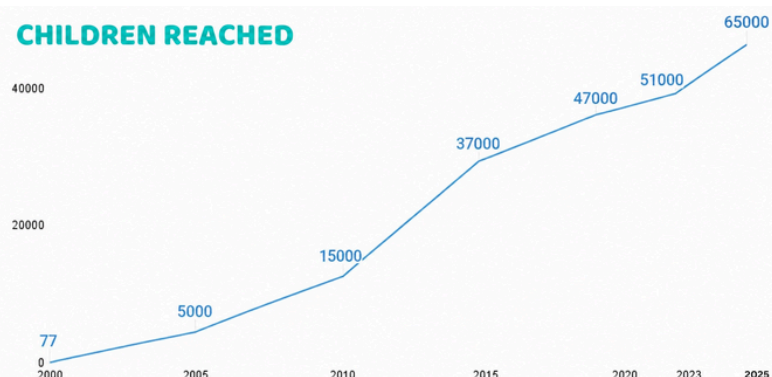
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FUN UNLIMITED

Games, Star Gazing & Face Painting

CHILDREN REACHED





COMPONENTS

CAMP

Endeavours to burn bridges by enabling children from all walks of life to discover each other

AWARD

To recognise the believers who have worked for physically and socially challenged.

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships help students become self-sufficient and independent economically.

ANJALI'S REACH

- ✓ Commenced in 2001 with **77 CHILDREN**
- ✓ Has reached **65000+ CHILDREN** and **10000+ YOUTH** by 2025
- ✓ Children from **27 STATES** and **13 COUNTRIES** have participated.



VOLUNTEERISM

College students form the backbone of this festival. These five days enrich their minds with thought provoking and everlasting experiences and leaves them empathizing and realizing their duties and responsibilities for an inclusive and sensible society

STARTED WITH **34 VOLUNTEERS** IN **2001**

CURRENTLY HAVE **5000+** VOLUNTEERS

ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES IN ANJALI

- ✓ Wheelchair accessible route and toilets
- ✓ Accessible signage
- ✓ Sign language interpreter
- ✓ Program schedule in large print, audio book and braille format



ANJALI AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

The awards identify and recognize people who have discovered doors where others had seen walls, specifically in the context of the physically and socially challenged.

AWARD FOR BRAVERY

This award is given in the recognition of exemplary achievements on the part of the person with disability, parents of a disabled child or a family with disabled members who did not fall down on facing challenges but carved out a niche by the sheer dint of will.

AWARD FOR SERVICE

This award is given in the recognition of excellent work done for the disability sector by an individual or an NGO, whose drive and creative problem-solving abilities have brought about significant changes in the world of people with disabilities.

AWARD FOR COMMITMENT

This award is given in recognition of excellent work done for the disability sector unwavering support to the underprivileged with disabilities.

ANJALI SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awarded to meritorious divyang students from poor economic background. Scholarships cover expenses that are essential but don't find reflection in government or other scholarship schemes. Support is in the form of:

- ✓ **RS 30000/- PER YEAR**
- ✓ **FREE ENROLLMENT IN SCHOLAR ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**





WORKSHOPS

3D Art



3d Street Art is a type of artwork painted or drawn in a specific way that creates an optical illusion that tricks the mind into believing that the 2d artwork they are reviewing is actually three-dimensional. Learn to paint and create an illusion.

Balloon Art



Balloon sculpting or balloon twisting is taking a long balloon and twist it into a balloon sculpture. Learn two primary design styles "single balloon modelling", which restricts itself to the use of one balloon per model, and "multiple balloon modelling" using more than one balloon.



Cartooning

Enjoy drawing cartoons for work and play. Learn to develop your drawing techniques, decide on art materials, and prepare your artistic understanding as a cartoonist.



Clowning

This acting/performance workshop uses games and improvisation exercises. Games enhance deep-listening and your connection with your scene partner and the audience.



Dance



It is a fusion style of dance, adapting western, folk, Bollywood and various other dances, imbued with elements of Indian classical, folk, and tribal dance, which is set to a fast pace and music to move your body and enjoy the rhythm.

Face Painting



Face painting is in fact a unique art form, and the artists use faces as their canvas and transform them into animals or fantasy characters.



Magic

Magic workshop helps a child to think beyond his/her imagination and enhances creativity. Since most of the Magic tricks are based on science, this helps the child to understand Magic while studying.



Paper Craft

Learn a collection of crafts using paper or card as the primary artistic medium for the creation of two or three-dimensional objects.





Papiermache ★

Paper mâché is a classic art technique that all children should experience at some point in their childhood. Getting your hands covered in ooey, gooey paste is a rite of passage! You will be taught some preparation and planning.

Pattachitra ★

One of the oldest and most popular art forms of Odisha, Pattachitra is a painting done on canvas, and is manifested by rich colourful application, creative motifs and designs.

Pottery ★

A wheel-building pottery workshop is an engaging space where you can delve into the world of pottery creation using manual techniques. Guided by experts, create your own clay toys and sculpture.

★ Rag Doll

Create your very own rag doll using fabric, hand spun yarn, and wool. In this workshop you will learn to make traditional rag doll from start to finish using your hands.

★ RMNH

Regional Museum of Natural History will organise a 3 days workshop on various organic crafts. Workshop provides creativity inspired by the beauty of the natural world!



RSC ★

Regional Science Center will organise a 3 days science is fun workshop. Science workshops stimulate children's curiosity and interest in the world around them. They help them discover the wonder and excitement of science, which can foster a long-term interest in scientific learning.

Sand ★

Carve a sand sculpture, with renowned sand artists of Odisha, with clean and fine grained sand mixed with water. A huge sandpit in the camp will attract all.



★ Story Telling with Puppets

Puppets encourage kids to use their imagination and infuse a sense of play into storytime. This is an exploration into making your puppets and bringing stories into our bodies, into the space and alive through puppets.

★ Theatre

Theatre helps in moulding a well rounded personality. Learn to communicate the who, what, where, when, and why to the audience. Improvisation fosters quick-thinking solutions, which leads to greater adaptability in life.





FESTIVALS OF JOY

Each Indian festival has its own history, legend and significance. The celebration of festivals at Anjali goes beyond the frontiers of religious and regional boundaries to bear witness to humanitarian love and the spirit of togetherness.

Christmas in 2025

During the multi-day event organized by Swabhiman, children of all backgrounds and differing abilities come together to celebrate major cultural festivals, including Christmas. In 2025 The Christmas festivities at the camp aligned with the festival's core theme of promoting the universal messages of joy, peace, and religious harmony

Raja & Halloween in 2026

EXHIBITIONS

In 2026 Camp Anjali will host three exhibitions - one exhibiting the journey of Swabhiman and Anjali from 2001 to 2024; the other showcasing Artworks of children with disabilities; and the third will be the hobby display by all interested students. To encourage creative activities, the festival encourages children to cultivate a hobby.



DIALOGUES IN DISABILITY

To create an understanding of the issue, the impact of an inclusive society and development, to allay all fears - Swabhiman has conceptualised "Dialogues in Disability." The dialogues take many forms - seminars, panel discussions, radio talks, TV discussions, workshop, group discussion etc.

CULTURAL PROGRAMS

The audience witnesses a riveting presentation of songs, dances and plays in the evenings. Elements like magic shows, game zone, star gazing, meeting celebrities, funny games, cartoons etc. are added every year.





CITY EMBRACES ANJALI

In a bid to sensitize the whole city about the Anjali festival and create a "City Festival," Individuals and organizations are encouraged to invite some teams to their clubs, premises and homes. The main objective is creating City's Ownership of Anjali and encouraging all to accept differences, celebrate diversity and create an inclusive planet.

CITY TOUR

One of the integral components of joyful learning is trips and tours that are both educative and entertaining. This year trips will be conducted to Nandan Kanan, Odisha Maritime Museum, Dhaulagiri, Khandagiri, Udayagiri, Planetarium and Kala Bhoomi.



ATMOSPHERIC DESIGN

Students from local art colleges are challenged to develop art works based on the theme of the year and are sensitized to disability in the process of volunteering.

GAME ZONE

Children enjoy playing with the giant pop ups and shoot photos with the various characters. Swings, slides, ladder and dice games keep kids engaged.



SCHOOL PROGRAMS



VISIT OF MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS

Aims at providing young children with the necessary understanding of children with disabilities, their challenges, strengths and capabilities. The visit strengthens children's understanding of an inclusive society and accepting diversity. Experts interact with children, which is followed by workshop visits, experiencing challenges of disability, camp tour.

- ✓ Expert Talk
- ✓ Film Shows
- ✓ Disability Simulation
- ✓ Camp Visit
- ✓ Story Telling
- ✓ Quiz/Arr
- ✓ Short Write up on experience



DATE WITH ANJALI: 2-DAYS EVENT IN RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS

- ✓ Disability Understanding
- ✓ Exhibition
- ✓ Simulation
- ✓ Quiz

COMPETITIONS

Solo Competitions

Nursery and Kindergarten

Fancy Dress

Classes I to VIII

- Speech on the life of a famous person
- Recitation on any topic, in any language
- Odishi Dance

Classes IX to XII

- Art on Disability Inclusion or Accessibility
- Odishi Dance



Group Competitions

- Collage on Inclusive India
- Debate on Inclusive Education is the Only Way Forward
- Modern/Contemporary Dance
- Patriotic Song
- Classical Dance
- Science Modelling on Low Cost Assisstive Devices/Technology
- Hobby Display

OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

- ✓ Carnival
- ✓ Competitions
- ✓ Cultural Programs



COLLEGE PROGRAMS

Become Volunteers

Volunteering is a strong feature of Swabhiman. College/University students serve in hosting the festival. From cleaning the camp to compering on the stage; feeding people with a smile to organising the competitions; everything is done by student volunteers.

Visit the Camp

Camp Visit & Experiencing the challenges of disAbility- This is an integral aspect of Anjali, aiming to make non-disabled children and people aware of the challenges faced by persons with disabilities in their day-to-day life.

Competitions

- **Film Making:** Exploring invisible walls in campus life, workplace or society and how accessibility and understanding bridges the gap.
- **Debating:** Does online learning hinder or help equal access to education for marginalized student groups?
- **One act Play:** Portraying the challenges of students facing exclusion due to disabilities, background, or learning differences, emphasizing accessibility and inclusion.

Other Activities for College Students

- Carnival
- Cultural Program
- Dialogue in disAbility
- Face Painting
- Festival of Joy

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENT ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANJALI FESTIVAL

Every year, we look for enthusiastic and committed volunteers to join our team during the Festival (whether for the whole duration of 6 days or for a few days). We're now recruiting volunteers for the 2024 Festival. If you're interested and our values and commitments align with your own, please email us at anjalfestival@swabhiman.org and we will get back to you soon.

We welcome volunteers from all walks of life. We particularly welcome people with disability, those from diverse ethnic communities and all those who feel they are not commonly represented in the society. Our volunteers are the public face of the Festival; helping coordinate all the events, and also supporting the Festival behind the scenes.

In return for their time and commitment volunteers are able to see Festival performances, attend social events, and take part in a hugely exciting, creative and rewarding week.





IMAGINATION LAND AND CARNIVAL

IMAGINATION LAND

Throughout history, mankind has often been enthralled by stories of mythical places, cities, and paradises shrouded in secrets and lost to the sands of time. These legendary locations pervade all great cultural histories. Some have served as allegories for more prosperous and peaceful times, others as places to find and conquer! Come and visit our Imagination Land.



Carnival

Taking place annually on the first day of Anjali Festival in Bhubaneswar, this carnival is seen packed with costume parades, live music, and street performances, and more at one of the biggest events of the year.



SWAYAM

Art Exhibition



BISCOPE

Is our tiny film festival where few disability awareness films and children's feature films are screened and children interact with a few film directors and actors.

INDRADHANUSH

Performances by Professional Artists with disabilities



ROLLER SKATING

Odisha Skating Academy aims to bring the aspiring skaters of Odisha to higher levels of success in the world of Roller Skating. The academy will perform several eye-catching performances choreographed by founder Partha Sarathi Jena who is a Guinness World record holder and founder the academy.

SHADOW ART

Renowned Shadow Artist Prahalad Acharya will showcase shadow art through songs. The theme of the songs vary from patriotic to journey of human life. A ventriloquist and also a magician, he is known for his remarkable talent and is addressed as 'Indian Houdini.'

DADA DADI KI KAHANI

Senior citizens from the Silver Age Foundation create fun-filled evening of storytelling. The main objective is to bring the elders and children from different parts of our country on one platform and revive the old traditions when grandparents sat with their grandchildren and narrated stories.

CLOWNING, PUPPETRY, STORYTELLING AND MAGIC

Usha and Venkatraman and Pravin Tulpule from Mumbai will create vibrant evenings with a combination of clowning, magic and melodious narrations. Pravin has been spreading joy and smiles through comical magic. Usha Venkatraman specialises in storytelling using puppets.



SPECIAL SHOWS



FUN ACTIVITIES

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CHILDREN'S DAY SPECIAL



Children's Day was a grand celebration with the day starting with the human chain going around the camp with 'Chacha Nehru Zindabad' and 'Long Live Anjali.'

FACE PAINTING



The activity will see children and volunteer's face with painted designs. The celebration will feature face painting for children, music, and prizes.

FANCY DRESS



Children and volunteer will wear an unusual or amusing costume to look like, for example, a famous person or well-known fictional character; or a fruit, flower, tree, bird or anything they like.

MUSICAL ISLANDS



Student bands will play in small groups around the camp.

SAND PIT



Jump, play and sculpt in the sandpit

QUIZZES



Each water point will be a fun hub with quizzes, games, music and prizes

SNACKING ZONE



Various water mouthwatering dishes on sale

GIFTS AND SOUVENIRS



Buy gifts and support Anjali Festival



ANJALI 2026

THE AICYF GIVES CHILDREN AND ADULTS THE
OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH CHILDREN AND
 YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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