

Ram Krishna Hari

Please go through this document thoroughly before you enroll. Do not make any assumptions.

Contents of this document are not applicable for Alandi-Pune Tappa.

This is the draft version of the document and final document will be available by around 25th June. Please go through the final document also before the waari.

Waari means crowd, waari means dirt and dust all around, waari means jams everywhere, waari means chaos... But Wari is also a Walking Talking University. It teaches patience, perseverance, adjustment, management, versatility, minimalism... and what not. It teaches you to be happy, to be satisfied, to be thankful... It teaches you to live life fully. You will experience the ultimate freedom... when we have an open mind. Come join us and experience bliss...

This year we are planning to cover all the tappas (steps) of the Alandi Pandharpur Waari and also the first tappa of Dehu Pandharpur Waari (Dehu to Akurdi). Below is the schedule for all waari tappa(s) –

No.	From	To	Day	Registrations Close	Distance
1	Dehu	Akurdi	29-Jun-24	23-Jun-24	10
2	Pune	Saswad	02-Jul-24 Tue	25-Jun-24	32
3	Saswad	Jejuri	04-Jul-24 Thu	27-Jun-24	16
4	Jejuri	Walhe	05-Jul-24 Fri	28-Jun-24	12
5	Walhe	Lonand	06-Jul-24 Sat	29-Jun-24	20
6	Lonand	Tardgaon	08-Jul-24 Mon	01-Jul-24	8
7	Tardgaon	Faltan	09-Jul-24 Tue	02-Jul-24	21
8	Faltan	Barad	10-Jul-24 Wed*	03-Jul-24	18
9	Barad	Natepute	11-Jul-24 Thu*	04-Jul-24	21
10	Natepute	Malshiras	12-Jul-24 Fri*	05-Jul-24	18
11	Malshiras	Velapur	13-Jul-24 Sat*	06-Jul-24	19
12	Velapur	Bhendishegaon	14-Jul-24 Sun*	07-Jul-24	21
13	Bhendishegaon	Pandharpur	15-Jul-24 Mon*	08-Jul-24	10

**** We will be going to Faltan earlier night**

Pune-Saswad will be done as usual – like we have done in the past – We will have buses from all areas (subject to numbers – we need minimum number to arrange for buses from a given area).

For the remaining tappas we will have vehicles starting from Swargate which will take you to the starting point of the tappa (or as close as possible – sometimes the roads are blocked much before). You will then start walking and try to reach the lunch point by 10 AM. After taking lunch and some rest you will complete the remaining journey and reach the end point of that tappa. Later in the day when the Palkhi reaches its destination and the roads are opened, the morning vehicles will come and pick you up. Then the vehicles will bring you back and drop you at Swargate. You can also decide to stay back and do the next tappa also on the next waari day. This way you can do any / all tappas. You can do one or many tappa(s). You can very well do the entire waari as well!!

So now you can choose to experience waari in any tappa – any day any tappa – based on your convenience / interest / Physical capacity.

For those who decide to stay back in the waari – we have understanding with one of the Dindi. Basic stay and food arrangements will be made through them. No special arrangements will be made – you will have to manage the way all other warkaris do.

To explain this with an example – Let's say you enroll for the Jejuri Walhe (No. 4 in the table above) tappa - you will have to reach Swargate at the given time (let's say 5 AM) on the tappa day (05th July in this case). Our vehicles will then take you to the starting point – Jejuri – or as close as possible. You can then start walking and reach the designated Lunch

point (around half of the total tappa length – in this case say after 10 KMs) by 10 AM. There you can have lunch take rest and then again start walking (lets say at 1 PM) and reach the designated end point of that tappa (Walhe) – let's say by 4 PM. Our vehicles will then come and pick you up (after the roads are opened). The vehicles will then bring you back and drop near Swargate.

For tappas from Faltan (No. 8) and beyond we will be going to Faltan earlier night starting at 9 PM from Swargate. We will stay at Faltan and then start for the waari in the morning.

To explain this with an example – Let's say you enroll for the Barad Natepute (No. 10 in the table above) tappa - you will have to reach Swargate at the given time (let's say 9 PM) on the day before the tappa day (10th July in this case). Our vehicles will then take you to Faltan by around mid night where basic stay arrangements have been made. You will wake in the morning freshen up and then our vehicles will take you to the starting point – Barad – or as close as possible. You can then start walking and reach the designated Lunch point (around half of the total tappa length – in this case say after 10 KMs) by 10 AM. There you can have lunch take rest and then again start walking (lets say at 1 PM) and reach the designated end point of that tappa (Natepute) – let's say by 4 PM. Our vehicles will then come and pick you up (after the roads are opened). The vehicles will then bring you back and drop near Swargate.

Each tappa will have an owner and coordinator who will do all the planning and share all the details in the group specific to that tappa.

Though the coordinators will plan to as much detail as possible there will be elements of surprise. Things may not work as per our plan for reasons beyond our control / for things unknown to the coordinators. Please adjust / accommodate / understand / cooperate. Please be patient and take things positively as they come. There is lot to learn from Waari – Just relax and enjoy – whatever comes.

While we would all look after each other, Personal Wellbeing / health & safety is individual's responsibility.

This year it is expected to be rainy during the Waari – Please be prepared for that.

This year for each tappa – bookings will be closed exactly 7 days before that tappa. So, for Pune Saswad the last date to enroll will be 25th of June. This year no spot bookings / walk-ins – So please excuse us with all such requests. Only people who have made the payments will be considered for all arrangements.

Once you register and make the payments you will be added to the respective tappa whatsapp group(s) by the respective coordinators in couple of days. All details related to that particular tappa will be shared on that whatsapp group.

Since most of our Ayojak Team Members have a full-time job, they may not be able to attend the phone calls or immediately answer your messages. They will call you back and answer the messages as soon as they get time. Please don't misunderstand or worry if your phone calls / WhatsApp messages are not answered immediately.

Do's and Don'ts

- Mobile networks practically collapse because of the heavy traffic, so please do not depend on mobile phones. Inform everyone back home about this and tell them not to panic if you are not reachable.
- Please download google maps so that you can use them even if the network is not available.
- Follow the plan and the route and timings. Do not hurry as we have to take everyone together.
- Waari is not a picnic or a trek, it is a religious zeal. So please be prepared for some inconvenience. Please try to stay with the group. It is not a walkathon. The real experience is in the journey – enjoy that - just finishing the tappa and reaching the end point is not the goal.
- Take care of Mobile Phones and all your belongings – Not all of the million people walking are Warkaris!!
- Wear clothes that are comfortable (but remember it is a spiritual walk and not a trek!!).
- We may not be able to answer phone calls / respond to messages. Please bear with us.
- Take your Waste home (Swachchha Bharat!!)
- Do not try to go near Palkhi while it is moving (even to take darshan). You may hurt yourself – It has happened last year with one of our Mauli.

FAQ

Q. Can non IT people join you for waari?

A. Absolutely – Since it was started by people in IT long back it was named that way. But anyone and everyone are welcome to join and experience the grandeur of waari.

Q. When will registrations start?

A. We plan to start the registrations from 15th June on itdindi.org

Q. Why do we have 2 different websites for registrations – waari.org and itdindee.org?

A. Our new website itdindi.org is still under construction and not widely tested. So as to not disturb the existing Alandi Pune arrangements we will continue those registrations on waari.org. For all the remaining tappas (from Pune to Pandharpur) we will use the new itdinee.org website. If we face any problems with the new website, we will switch to using google forms for registrations.

Q. Will we have buses from each area for the Pune Saswad Tappa?

A. Yes, Pune Saswad will have buses from all areas (subject to numbers – we need minimum number to arrange for buses from a given area)

Q. When will we start and from where?

A. Everyone should come to Swargate at the given time. Travel arrangements till Swargate are to be made by individuals.

Q. When will we return?

A. Plans will be shared in individual tappa whatsapp group. But in Waari best plans can go haywire – so please be patient.

Q. Is there any dress code? What should we wear?

A. No Dress code. You can wear anything that is comfortable – preferably white Kurta / Kurti. Tight clothes may make you uncomfortable. Shorts / Bermuda / Three-fourths / Sleeveless are obviously not suitable for occasion. Sports shoes can become a headache if it rains.

Q. What if my plans change and I am not able to come OR Can I cancel my registration?

A. Please inform us and exit this whatsapp group. We will not be able to refund the amount – but don't worry we will provide all accounts and provide you as much transparency as possible. Any remaining funds will be used for noble cause only.

Q. Will you arrange for breakfast and Lunch?

A. Yes – but still have backup arrangements with you. Dry snacks, chocolates, dry fruits etc. But be conscious about the weight you are carrying.

Q. What all is included in contribution we make?

A. Bus + Cap + Morning Tea + Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner + Overhead charges (Banners, Flags, etc). Remaining amount will be donated to noble causes like Nirmal Wari. We also appeal to people to give voluntary donations which will be used for various noble causes / projects. Details will be shared once we process the finances.

Q. I stay in Hadapasar / Fursungi / on the bus route, can I join after Swargate?

A. Yes, we will try to have some pickup points after Swargate.

Q. What will be the contribution for each tappa?

A. It will be 1000 Rs. Per person per tappa for all tappas.

Q. What things should I carry?

A.

- Mobile
- Photo ID
- Mask
- Power bank
- Sanitizer / Soap Strips
- Napkin
- One set of Taal.
- Emergency and regular medicines as per your need
- Camera – Lots of Photo Moments to Capture!!
- Pouches for mobiles etc. (In case it rains!!)
- Dry Snacks / Chocolates / Dry Fruits – backup incase something goes wrong with our plan and we don't get breakfast / Lunch / Dinner.
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Q. Any suggestions / Precautions / Preparations to be done?

A.

- As far as possible drink bottled water only.
- Practice to walk!
- Some gaps may be left in managing / arrangements – Kindly adjust and provide suggestions for improvement. Waari is a huge event and best of planning can go wrong.
- Relax and Enjoy.

Q. What if something happens to a person during waari and he is not able to walk further?

A. Normally this doesn't happen. Millions of people take Mauli Name and walk - nothing happens. For some reason someone is not able to Walk - they can stay where they are till the roads are cleared. When vehicles start coming (after few hours) they can catch the vehicles from where they are. For any emergency situations, we have to depend on the arrangements made by government. Ambulance services are provided by the administration.

Q. Whom should we contact for so and so reason?

A. Relevant contact details will be shared at the right point of time.

Q. Can I Cancel / Change / Transfer my registration / enrollment?

A. Sorry but those requests cannot be accommodated this year at least. So enrollments once done cannot be cancelled / Transferred / Changed.

Q. My area / number has changed since last year – How do I update it?

A. Currently the edit facility has not been provided. As a workaround you can add new warkari (with same name etc.) and complete the tappa registrations with that.

Please ensure that correct whatsapp number is provided for each registered warkari – else you may not get the relevant updates.

Confirmation of Registration and Addition to Respective Tappa WhatsApp Group can take up to 48 hours, after payment is made. So please follow up only after 48 hours.

Please contact below Tappa Leads / Coordinators for additional information related to a specific Tappa.

No.	Day	From	To	Leads	Coordinator 1	Coordinator 2
1	29-Jun-24 Sat	Dehu	Akurdi	Suyog P 99229 20069	Yogesh D 98908 84912	Avinash More 91588 89615
2	02-Jul-24 Tue	Pune	Saswad	Ashish Pethkar 97304 01654	Mandar Bartakke 94225 19093	Nitin Dadas 73873 55327
3	04-Jul-24 Thu	Saswad	Jejuri	Hrushikesh B 86050 23400	Rajan Magdum 96232 53411	
4	05-Jul-24 Fri	Jejuri	Walhe	Chetan Deshpande 98234 61504		
5	06-Jul-24 Sat	Walhe	Lonand	Akanksha N 99224 32228	Anand Daga 77988 80498	Ashish Pethkar 97304 01654
6	08-Jul-24 Mon	Lonand	Tardgaon	Ashish Pethkar 97304 01654	Abhay N 98226 17611	Akanksha N 99224 32228
7	09-Jul-24 Tue	Tardgaon	Faltan	Nitin Dadas 73873 55327	Abhay N 98226 17611	Amol Nikam 77090 46277
8	10-Jul-24 Wed	Faltan	Barad	Avinash Pathak 99234 16200		
9	11-Jul-24 Thu	Barad	Natepute	Nitin Jain 99233 24209	Ashish Kulkarni 99876 90414	
10	12-Jul-24 Fri	Natepute	Malshiras	Mandar Kulkarni 80554 34057	Harshal M 88677 70607	
11	13-Jul-24 Sat	Malshiras	Velapur	Anand Daga 77988 80498	Mandar Bartakke 94225 19093	Mahesh Thorat 96571 43488
12	14-Jul-24 Sun	Velapur	Bhendishegaon	Suyog P 99229 20069	Yogesh D 98908 84912	Avinash More 91588 89615
13	15-Jul-24 Mon	Bhendishegaon	Pandharpur	Nitin Jain 99233 24209	Santosh M 95456 13377	