

As per mandate of the Inter-University Competition issued by Association of Indian Universities (AIU), Group Song (Indian) and Group Song (Folk) have been clubbed into a single event this year. In view of this, the following detailed rules are framed for the clarity and better understanding of the participating teams.

Group Song – Rules

1. Each team must present **two songs**:
2. **One patriotic song or a song on National Integration**, preferably in Assamese, and **One regional folk song**. If any local language or dialect is used, a proper transcript must be submitted before the competition.
3. A group may consist of a maximum of six singers.
4. The total duration of the performance shall be **8 to 9 minutes**. No fixed time is allotted for individual songs.
5. Teams may change accompanists, musical instruments, and the standing/sitting position of performers between the two songs, as per their requirements. All such changes must be completed within the total allotted time of 9 minutes.
6. No dress change of participants is allowed between the two songs. Participants are advised to dress according to the folk song being performed.
7. **A maximum of three accompanists** is allowed for one song, and **a total of five accompanists are permitted for both songs combined**.
8. Film songs are strictly not permitted.
9. All accompaniments must be live. The use of recorded music, musical patches, or keyboard presets is strictly prohibited.
10. Competitors must submit the lyrics of the patriotic song, clearly mentioning the name of the lyricist and composer, prior to the competition.

All participating teams are requested to strictly adhere to the above rules