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Press Release

Tourism Dept gives nod to urgent works at Kovalam beach

- **Administrative Sanction given for Rs 3.67 cr worth works**

Thiruvananthapuram, July 09: The Department of Tourism has given administrative sanction for taking up urgent works to upgrade infrastructure and tourist amenities at the internationally renowned Kovalam beach near the state capital at an estimated cost of Rs 3,66,83,103. 65.

The proposal in this regard was approved by the Departmental Working Group on Plan Schemes that met on Monday.

The works to be taken up immediately are part of the comprehensive project called 'Action Plan for Enhancing Tourism Infrastructure in Kovalam Tourism Destination.'

A master plan is being implemented for comprehensive development of infrastructure facilities and tourist amenities at Kovalam as part of the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB) projects.

The works which received the administrative sanction the other day are those which need to be taken up on priority basis ahead of completion of the KIIFB project.

The project aims at a thorough revamp of Kovalam beach, a major tourist destination luring tourists from all over the world for decades.

The implementation of the project will help enhance the potential of the destination, especially since there has been a significant surge in tourist footfall to the state in the post-pandemic period, Tourism Minister Shri P A Mohamed Riyas said.

The works to be immediately taken up include site preparation, landscaping, pavements laying, installation of street furniture, renovation of buildings, street lighting and renovation of restrooms.

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