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Press Release

Flower show, light fest to spur X'Mas, New Year gala

Minister Riyas to inaugurate 10-day Vasantholsavam, Light Festival on Dec. 25

Thiruvananthapuram, Dec. 24: The Department of Tourism's annual flower show, 'Vasantholsavam,' and light show, which mark the Christmas and New Year celebrations, will commence here on December 25.

Tourism Minister Shri P A Mohamed Riyas will inaugurate the 10-day 'Vasantholsavam' and Light Festival at the sprawling Kanakakunnu Palace grounds at 6 pm, which will conclude on January 3.

The function will be presided over by Shri V Sivankutty, Minister for General Education, and Shri G R Anil, Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, will be the chief guest.

MPs Shri Shashi Tharoor and Shri A A Rahim; Shri V K Prasanth, MLA; Corporation Mayor Smt Arya Rajendran; Smt Anu Kumari, District Collector, and Smt Sikha Surendran, Director, Tourism, will also attend.

The New Year light show, 'Illuminating Joy, Spreading Harmony,' will glitter the city's streets and heritage structures. The extensive display will feature a curated flower show and flowers brought from outside Kerala.

Kanakakkunnu and its premises, along with the city streets, will be illuminated as part of the flower show and light festival. Vasantholsavam will also feature trade fairs, amusement parks, food festivals, and cultural programmes.

Shri Riyas said that, in addition to providing a venue for convergence, the illumination of Vasantholsavam 2024 and the New Year will convey the message of unity, harmony, and happiness to the people of Kerala.

"Also, Thiruvananthapuram is bracing to usher in the New Year after figuring in the coveted list of 'World's Trending Tourism Destinations', besides receiving several international honours," he noted.

The Minister added that the capital city is gearing up to attract domestic and foreign tourists to the event to experience the vibrant festive mood during this tourism season.



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Other attractions of the event include an enormous globe, a model of a European street reminiscing about Christmas in London, Cinderella for children, a polar bear, a dinosaur, different models using lights, a beautiful garden of flower pots, a herbal plant expo, a biodiversity exhibition, rare bonsai collections, and a cut flower display. Besides, rare collections of various plants from government institutions and nurseries will be displayed.

Various competitions for nurseries and landscaping will also be held in multiple categories for individuals and organisations.

Dr Reena K S, Councillor; Shri P Vishnuraj, Additional Director, Kerala Tourism; and Shri Satheesh Miranda, Secretary, District Tourism Promotion Council (DTPC), will also attend the inaugural ceremony.

Kerala Tourism is organising 'Vasantholsavam' and Light Festival in association with DTPC. The public can visit the venue from Christmas Day morning.

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