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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Floating bridge at Muzhappilangad suffered no damage, safe on shore: Kerala Tourism**

- **Floating bridges across state stall operations due to rough sea conditions**

**Thiruvananthapuram, Apr. 01:** The Department of Tourism has termed as baseless the reports in a section of the media that the floating bridge at Muzhappilangad in Kannur suffered damage as the sea turned turbulent on Sunday.

The Tourism Department on Sunday itself instructed all district tourism promotion councils (DTPCs) to temporarily close the floating bridges for tourists across the state and take away them from sea and keep safely on shore, including the one at Muzhappilangad.

The decision was taken in view of the rough sea conditions in coastal areas and warnings by weather agencies.

The Department of Tourism set up floating bridges in association with DTPCs, Kerala Adventure Tourism Promotion Society and local self government institutions. The beaches where floating bridges were installed include Bekal (Kasaragod), Beypore (Kozhikode), Muzhappilangad (Kannur), Thanoor Thooval (Malappuram), Chavakkad (Thrissur), Kuzhupilli (Ernakulam) and Varkala (Thiruvananthapuram).

Floating bridges are made of high-density floating polyethylene blocks. They have 100-meter length and a three-meter width with pillars on both sides. At the end of the bridge, there is a platform 11-metre in length and seven-metre width, enabling visitors to enjoy the scenery far off the sea.

The floating bridges are a major attraction for tourists as well as local holidayers in prime beaches across the state.

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