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Kerala Tourism opens help desks in state capital, districts

Thiruvananthapuram, Mar 17: Kerala Tourism Department has set up round-the-clock help desks in the state capital and district headquarters to ease the difficulties of tourists due to the situation arising out of COVID-19.

Ms Rani George, Secretary, Tourism, said volunteers from the local tourism and travel trade would work in close coordination with the help desks manned by tourism officials.

Tourists staying in different destinations across the state can call the dedicated telephone numbers to contact specially assigned officials for any assistance they require. The facility can also be accessed for industry-related assistance.

The central help desk at the Directorate of Tourism can be accessed by calling 9995454696 (Mr Sajeev KR, Tourist Information Officer) or 9447363538 (Mr Ramesh TP, Tourist Information Officer).

The following are the officials assigned for the service in districts and their telephone numbers:

1. Thiruvananthapuram: Shahul Hameed A., Deputy Director 94475 02310; and Bindhumony S., Secretary, DTPC, 98460 51594.
2. Kollam: Gireeshkumar. D, Deputy Director 70252 52210; and C.Santhosh Kumar, Secretary DTPC, 98467 04477
3. Pathanamthitta: M. Hussain, Deputy Director 70252 52211; and Sreeraj, Secretary, DTPC, 94475 64170
4. Kottayam: Sunitha. K. Tourist Information Officer 88481 20895; and Dr. Bindhu, Secretary, DTPC, 94004 28785
5. Alappuzha: Afsal, Tourist Information Officer 94968 28508; and Malin, Secretary, DTPC, 94474 83308
6. Idukki: Gireesh, Tourist Information Officer 88487 08774; and Jayan, Secretary, DTPC, 97471 82813
7. **Ernakulam**: Ambily Arjunan, Asst. Tourist Information Officer, 89210 81764; Vijaya Kumar, Secretary, DTPC, 9446422352; and Faisal (Fort Kochi), DTPC, 9048 75 5331

8. **Wayanad**: Salim Muhammed, Tourist Information Officer, 70420 99135; and Anand, Secretary, DTPC, 99468 61457

9. **Thrissur**: G. Sreekumar, Deputy Director, 77360 68740; and Dr. Kavitha, Secretary, DTPC, 94961 01737

10. **Palakkad**: P. SubairKutty, Deputy Director, 9446355859; and K.G. Ajeesh, Secretary, DTPC, 99476 97651

11. **Kozhikode**: T. Pavithran, Asst. Tourist Information Officer, 82815 02155; and Beena Secretary, DTPC, 99459 95419

12. **Malappuram**: Padma Kumar, Deputy Director, 70252 52217; and Binosh, Secretary, DTPC, 99465 95909

13. **Kannur**: Muraleedharan P, Deputy Director, 8075 6 49379, 0497-2702515; and Jitheesh Jose, Secretary, DTPC, 9645 454500, 0497-2706336

14. **Kasaragod**: Biju R, Secretary, DTPC, 9847856789; and Babu Mahendran, Asst. Tourist Information Officer, 9446330598

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