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Press Release

‘Vasantholsavam’ in city to have exciting contests

- **Flower fest, light show from Dec 24 to Jan 4**

Thiruvananthapuram, Dec.19: Ranging from competitions in floral decoration and installations to a Chrysanthemum festival, the much-anticipated festival of flowers and lights, ‘Vasantholsavam’ in the capital city, is all set to offer a visual feast for visitors and residents from December 24 to January 4, 2026.

‘Vasantholsavam’ is organized by the Department of Tourism and the District Tourism Promotion Council (DTPC).

This edition of ‘Vasantholsavam’ at Kanakakkunnu Grounds in the city is curated by Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanical Garden and Research Institute, Palode.

The visually fascinating event will be a double delight for visitors with the Light Festival illuminating the city’s streets and heritage structures during the Christmas and New Year season. The Tourism Department has earmarked a budget of Rs 1.18 crore for the light show.

The flower festival will have competitions in around 70 categories including those relating to exhibition of flower plants, ornamental plants, orchids, anthurium, cactus and adenium. Government and private institutions, nurseries and individuals can take part in the competitions. There will be separate first, second and third prize winners, besides overall champions in each category.

More than 25,000 plants will be on display at ‘Vasantholsavam,’ apart from around 15,000 plants in the competitions category.

An expo of flower decorations and a competition in this category will also be held for adults and students. Visitors can buy flowers and plants from the stalls put up by nurseries as well.

Ticket for adults is priced at Rs. 50 while for children it is Rs. 30.

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