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### Surfing school at Beypore to grab global attention: Minister



**Kozhikode, Nov 20:** Kerala turned a new leaf in its post-Covid efforts to rejuvenate travel and hospitality sectors, as the state got its first government-run surfing school with Tourism Minister Shri P.A. Mohamed Riyas inaugurating the seashore facility at Beypore here today.



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The water-sport institution at Gotheeswaram Beach “has all the potential to earn global attention”, thus boosting the tourism prospects of this Malabar town, the Minister said after formally announcing the surfing school open. “The beach can soon become a sought-after destination and give fillip to the living standards of local communities known for their harmony and people-friendly nature,” he added.

Welcoming set of novel developmental activities by cooperative ventures led by the youth in Beypore, Shri Riyas lauded state’s Responsible Tourism (RT) Mission which recently celebrated its 15th year.

Shri Riyas distributed certificates to ten local youths who completed an International Certified Training. As leaders of a Beypore RT Club named ‘Youth Welfare Multi-Purpose Society’, these youngsters will be in charge of the surfing school.

Established as part of Beypore comprehensive RT project, the surfing school venture will run in collaboration with Kerala Tourism, besides the state RT Mission, District Tourism Promotion Council (DTPC), Kerala Adventure Tourism Society and Youth Welfare Multi-Purpose Society.

Corporation Town Planning Standing Committee Chairperson Smt K. Krishnakumari presided over the function. RT Mission District Coordinator Smt Sreekala Lakshmi presented the report. State RT Mission state Co-ordinator Shri K Rupeshkumar welcomed the gathering.

Kozhikode Deputy Mayor Shri Musafar Ahammed, Kadalundi Grama Panchayat President Smt Anusha V., Ward Councillor K. Sureshan; Beypore Constituency Development Mission Representative Shri M Gireesh, ‘Nammal’ Beypore Representative Shri T Radhagopi; Kerala Tourism Deputy Director Shri K.S. Shine; DTPC Secretary Shri T Nikhil Das and RT Club President Shri Anoop, were also present.

Kerala Adventure Tourism CEO Shri Binu Kuriakose proposed thanks.

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