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## Press Release

### **Beypore Water Fest gets underway on Dec. 26**

#### **Tourism Minister to inaugurate four-day fiesta at Beypore Marina Beach**

**Kozhikode, Dec. 23:** Tourism Minister Shri PA Mohamed Riyas will inaugurate the third edition of the four-day Beypore International Water Fest (BIWF), a popular celebration of water sports and entertainment ahead of the New Year, at Beypore here on December 26.

Minister for Ports Shri Ahamed Devarkovil will preside over the function where Corporation Mayor Smt Beena Philip will be the chief guest. Kerala Tourism Director Shri P B Nooh, District Collector Shri Snehil Kumar Singh and KTIL Chairman Shri S K Sajeesh will also be present on the occasion.

The major activities of BIWF will be held at Beypore Marina Beach, Chaliyam Beach on the banks of Chaliyar River, Nallur and Beypore Port. Several programmes have also been planned in different parts of the city, including Kozhikode Beach, to attract international tourists as well as domestic tourists.

The opening ceremony will be held at 6.30 pm, followed by a musical performance by Haricharan Band. The Tourism Minister will also inaugurate the Beypore International Responsible Tourism Fair and Textile Art Fest, planned on the sidelines of BIWF, at E K Nayanar Mini Stadium at Nallur, Feroke, at 4.30 pm on December 27.

BIWF is organised by the Department of Tourism in association with District Administration and District Tourism Promotion Council.

A bicycle rally will be organized from Kozhikode Beach to Beypore Beach at 7 am on December 26, marking the commencement of the event.

BIWF features an array of cultural programmes, mega food festival and adventure sports activities, besides the opportunity for visiting Navy and Coast Guard ships, international kite fest featuring five countries, dinghy boat race, fly board demo, surf ski demo, flea market, paramotoring, sailing regatta and net throwing.

The activities also include cycling, a stand-up paddle race, a treasure hunt, an Army martial arts show, a Navy band concert, a country boat race, body board demo, angling, a fibre canoe race, wing foiling, a boat parade and a Churulan Vallam race.

On the inaugural day, singer Anwar Sadath and his team will perform at 'AR Rahman Night' at Chaliyam Beach. On December 27, singers Siddharth Menon and Nitya Maman will



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present a music programme at Beypore Beach while Nishad and Mridula Warriar will perform at Chaliyam.

Singer Unnimenon's music programme will be held on December 28 at Beypore Beach and 'Afsal Night' has been scheduled on the same day at Chaliyam. Sachin Warriar and Arya Dayal Band will perform on the concluding day at Beypore Beach.

A coastal strip six km south of Kozhikode, Beypore had functioned as a port, providing a vital link in maritime trade with West Asia, long before the advent of the Western colonialists.

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