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## PRESS RELEASE

## Malabar River Festival: Minister Riyas to present prizes to winners on Sunday

**Kozhikode, July 26:** After splashing the gushing waters of Iruvanjipuzha and Chalippuzha for three days, the  $11^{th}$  edition of the Malabar River Festival will draw to a close on Sunday evening.

Minister for Tourism and Public Works, Shri P A Mohamed Riyas will inaugurate the valedictory ceremony at Pullurampara and present prizes to the winners.

Smt Priyakna Gandhi MP, Shri Linto Jospeh MLA and District Panchayat President Smt Sheeja Sasi will attend the function.

Asia's largest International Whitewater Kayaking championship, world-renowned paddlers had pitched to displayed their skill and prowess at the event, organized by Kerala Tourism in collaboration with the Kerala Adventure Tourism Promotion Society (KATPS), District Tourism Promotion Council and Kozhikode District Panchayat, with technical support from the Indian Kayaking and Canoeing Association.

The festival, which got off to an exciting start at Pulikkayam in Kodanchery Panchayat, had elicited overwhelming response from top kayakers and paddlers from India and abroad, reinforcing Kerala's standing as a major water sporting and adventure tourism hub.

Tourism Director Smt Sikha Surendran, District Collector Shri Snehil Kumar Singh, KATPS CEO Shri Binu Kuriakose, presidents of different village panchayats and local body representatives will attend the function.

The function will be followed by a performance of Marzi Music Band and other stage programmes.

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