

# Beaches, museums & parks to reopen today

## Entry Points To Tourist Spots To Be Regulated

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**Thiruvananthapuram:** As part of unlock process, beaches, parks and museums will be reopened in the state on Sunday. Tourist spots are being reopened as part of reviving tourism sector, in compliance with Covid-19 prevention protocol.

Tourist centres were reopened on October 10 earlier. Individual boating, house boats tourism and adventure tourism have resumed in the state. The tourism sector is on the path of revival with the reopening of hill tourism too. Tourism minister Kadakampally Surendran said that beaches are being opened considering that tourism season is set to begin. Tourism secretary Rani George said that the response to tourism centres which were opened in October has been encouraging.

Tourism director P Balakiran said that all officials take special care in ensuring that Covid-19 prevention protocol is followed. Disinfection of seats, handrails, tempera-



**GIVING A FACELIFT:** A worker cleans a restaurant in Kovalam on the eve of the reopening of beaches in the state for tourists

ture checks at entrances, use of sanitizers will be implemented in tourism spots. SMS and online facility to regulate entry will be utilized in museums and parks.

As part of safety parameters for beaches, which do not have controlled access, directions have been issued to ensure that officials are deployed at the entry points, walkways and open areas, equipped with thermal checks, sanitizers and hand-wash facilities.

Tourism police personnel will be posted, if necessary, to

help Kudumbashree volunteers and life guards. A register will be kept at the entry for recording details of visitors. Vehicles will be allowed parking time of maximum one hour. Tourists coming for less than seven days are exempted from quarantine but should register in Covid Jagratha portal. If visitors extend their stay for more than seven days, they have to undergo tests at their cost on the seventh day at ICMR/ state government-approved laboratories. Visitors are advised to avoid travel if they are symptomatic.