Curbs at Idukki’s tourist spots

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Kottayam: Idukki district collector H Dinesan on Monday directed hotels and resorts in the tourist destinations of Kumily, Munnar and Vagamon not to accept fresh online reservations owing to the Covid-19 scare.

Emergency awareness meetings are being held for stakeholders of the tourism sector.

It was also decided to take a count of foreigners in these destinations with the help of police and voluntary health workers. At present there are 28 individuals who are under observation for the infection in the district. Among them is a tourist from Delhi, who is admitted in the isolation ward of Idukki Medical College.

Meanwhile in Kottayam the Kumarakom panchayat committee has urged residents to avoid public meetings and other gatherings until the lab results of the two suspected cases of Covid-19 within the confines of the panchayat are available. The committee held an emergency meeting on Monday.

The two are relatives of the five of the Pathanamthitta family who tested positive for Covid-19 and are under observation.

The results are expected within two days. They had gone to the airport to receive the family and drop them off at their home in Ranni.

Panchayat president A P Salimon announced that seminars on disaster management and development projects have been postponed owing to the situation.

Health department officials took part in the meeting and answered to various queries regarding Covid-19. Various stakeholders of the tourism industry also took part.

The meeting assessed that the situation was under control and all were bound to follow directions of the health department.