Sasthampara tourism project to be completed in 2 months

Thiruvananthapuram: The tourism development project proposed at Sasthampara will be completed by November. Minister for tourism Kadakampally Surendran said the project, which got delayed due to Covid-19 outbreak, is nearing completion.

Located in Vilappil village, Sasthampara features a hillock with a panoramic view of the city. The Rs 98 lakh worth project is in progress at the hilly destination which includes improvement of basic facilities for tourists.

“Around 75% of the construction work has been completed. The agency entrusted with the work has informed that the construction work will be completed by November,” Tourism development project at Sasthampara was first proposed during the tenure of the previous LDF government. A development project worth Rs 50 lakh was taken up then. But the UDF government ignored it. It was after LDF came into power in 2016, the Rs 98 lakh development project was proposed at the site again,” said Surendran.

It is also proposed to set up an adventure tourism academy in Sasthampara, taking advantage of the potential of adventure tourism in the location. An area of 12 acres was demarcated for the adventure tourism academy.

“Tourism department has given approval for land acquisition after a social audit was conducted in the area and the project is with the revenue department for further steps. The adventure tourism academy will be set up in this financial year after completion of the procedure and land acquisition,” added Surendran.