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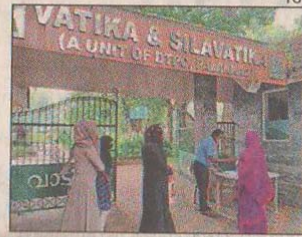
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Palakkad: The reopening of the tourism centres like Malampuzha, Nelliampathy, Parambikulam, Silent Valley, Siruvani, etc. in Palakkad after a gap of seven months due to the disruption caused by Covid-19 is expected to revive the economic activities of district.

The ayurveda resorts in the district have also started functioning after the pandemic-induced restrictions are relaxed by the govern-



Visitors at Vatika garden, Palakkad, when it was opened on Tuesday

ment. This will not only boost tourism but also economic activities and employment generation in the

sector.

Though Palakkad has some of the most famous tourism centres like the unique rain forests of Silent Valley, Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Nelliampathy Hills and the Siruvani reservoir, the district is yet to feature in the national or international tourism maps. Those connected with tourism promotion feel that only with a proper tourism circuit the district can find a place in the tourism map at the international level.

“Though we have popular eco-tourism centres and a great wealth of tropical flora and fauna, they aren’t marketed properly by the state tourism department either in the country or globally,” said Basheer Ahamed, one of the pioneers of tourism development in the state.

Nemmara MLA K Babu said that a tourism circuit was very important for the development of tourism in Palakkad, which has unique tourism destinations.