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An amount of ₹100 crore has been allocated to the tourism sector badly hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. The sector will return to normalcy by 2021-22, Finance Minister T.M. Thomas Isaac said in the Budget.

An additional ₹25 crore would be provided for intensive marketing to achieve this end.

Champions Boat League, suspended owing to the pandemic, would resume in 2021-22. For the IPL-modelled boat races, ₹20 crore has been given. The government has announced setting up of Kerala Tourism Workers Welfare Fund Board.

Top priority is being given to Heritage Spice Route Project and Thiruvananthapuram and Kozhikode will also become part of it in 2021-22, in addition to Muziris, Alappuzha, and Thalassery heritage projects that have been given ₹40 crore.