

# Global Responsible Tourism Meet – Beypore , Kerala

**Theme:** Responsible, Resilient & Inclusive Tourism for a Sustainable Future

**Venue:** Beypore, Kozhikode

**Dates:** 7,8 February 2026

| DAY 1 - 07 February, 2026            |  |   |
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| 09:00 – 10:00 AM                     | <b>Registration &amp; Networking</b>   |   |
| 10:00 – 11:00 AM                     | <b>Introductory Session</b><br><br><b>Welcome Address</b>  | <b>Ms. Sikha Surendran IAS</b><br><i>Director, Department of Tourism, Govt. of Kerala</i>   |
|                                      | <b>Special Address</b>   | <b>Dr. Harold Goodwin</b><br>Founder & Chair, ICRT Global   |
|                                      | <b>Special Address</b><br><i>Topic: Gender Inclusive Public Spaces: Adapting Global perspectives Locally</i> | <b>Ms. Kanta Singh</b><br>Country Representative, UN Women India  |
|                                      | <b>Special Address</b><br><i>Topic: Transforming Global Tourism for Climate Resilience and Inclusion</i>     | <b>Dr. Joseph M Cheer</b><br>Professor of Sustainable Tourism and Heritage School of Social Sciences   Geography, Tourism & Planning   Western Sydney University   Australia  |
| 11:00- 11:15 AM   Tea / Coffee Break |  |   |
| 11:15 – 11:45 PM                     | <b>Presentation on Responsible Tourism Initiatives of Kerala focusing on Beypore</b>                         | <b>Mr. Rupeshkumar K</b><br>CEO, Kerala Responsible Tourism Mission Society, Department of Tourism, Govt. of Kerala   |
| 11:45 – 12.15 PM                     | <b>Plenary Session I</b><br><br><i>Theme: Responsible Tourism as a Pathway to Sustainable Tourism</i>        | <b>Moderator</b><br><br><b>Ms. Manisha Pande</b><br><i>Director ICRT Global</i><br><br><b>1. Ms. Sikha Surendran IAS</b> <i>Director, Department of Tourism, Govt. of Kerala</i><br><b>2. Mr. Rupeshkumar K</b><br><i>CEO, Kerala Responsible Tourism Mission Society, Department of Tourism, Govt. of Kerala</i> |

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|                         |  | <p><b>3. Dr. Joseph M Cheer</b><br/><i>Professor of Sustainable Tourism and Heritage School of Social Sciences   Geography, Tourism &amp; Planning   Western Sydney University   Australia</i></p> <p><b>4. Ms. Philippa Jane Kaye</b><br/><i>Author: Escape to India Founder, Consultant, Author Indian Experiences</i></p>   |
| 12:45 – 1:45 PM   Lunch |  |  |
| 1:45 – 2:45 PM          | <b>Plenary Session II</b>  | <p><i>Moderator</i><br/><b>Dr. Manoj Kumar Kini</b><br/>MD KTIL</p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ms. Nirmala Ranasinghe</b>, Associate Professor at Nara Prefectural University, Japan</li> <li><b>Mr. Reynold Scaria</b><br/><i>Thanima Farm Life, Kerala</i></li> <li><b>Dr. Dileep MR</b><br/><i>Director, KITTS</i></li> <li><b>Mr. Pradeep Moorthy</b>, Founder, Muddy Boots</li> </ol>  |
|                         | <i>Theme: Climate Change and Its Impact on Tourism</i>   |  |
| 2:45 - 4:00 PM          | <b>Address by Chair</b>  |  |
| Inaugural Session       | <i>Inauguration and Declaration of Bepore as Responsible and Inclusive Tourism Destination</i> | <b>Sri. P A Muhammad Riyas.</b><br><i>Hon: Minister for Tourism &amp; PWD, Kerala</i>  |
| 4:15 – 05:15 PM         | <i>Living heritage and Responsible Tourism – presentations 10 mins</i>                         | <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Rupeshkumar K</b><br/><i>CEO, Kerala Responsible Tourism Mission Society, Department of Tourism, Govt. of Kerala</i></p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ms. Madhura Dutta</b><br/><i>Independent Consultant on Living Heritage &amp; Sustainable Development</i></li> <li><b>Mr. Oshan Lepcha</b><br/><i>EC Member &amp; Coordinator - Association for Conservation and Tourism (ACT)</i></li> <li><b>Mr. Sharon Veetil</b><br/>MD Muziris Heritage</li> <li><b>Mr. Vipin Viswanatha Pulavar</b><br/><i>Shadow Puppetry</i></li> <li><b>Mr. Muhammed Shihad</b><br/>City Heritage, Kannur</li> </ol> |
| 06:00 PM                | <b>Cultural Program</b>  |  |

**DAY 2 - 08 February, 2026**

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| <p>9:30 – 10:30 AM</p>  | <p><b>Presentations</b><br/><i>Theme: Responsible Tourism in Action</i></p>                     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Mr. Kevin Phun</b><br/><i>Director. Centre for Responsible Tourism, Singapore</i></li> <li>2. <b>Mr. Oshan Lepcha</b><br/><i>EC Member &amp; Coordinator - Association for Conservation and Tourism (ACT)</i></li> <li>3. <b>Ms. Renu Sharma</b><br/><i>H2O house, Himachal Pradesh<br/>Himachal Homestay Network</i></li> <li>4. <b>Ms. Pushpa Thapa</b><br/><i>Product Development Lead, Community Homestay Network, Nepal</i></li> <li>5. <b>Mr. Binu Kuriakose</b><br/><i>CEO, KATPS</i></li> <li>6. <b>Mr. E V Haris</b><br/><i>Seashell Homestay, Kannur</i></li> </ol>  |
| <p>10:30 – 11:30AM</p>  | <p><b>Plenary Session III</b><br/><i>Theme: Gender-Inclusive and Women-Friendly Tourism</i></p> | <p><i>Moderator</i><br/><b>Dr. Peeja Rajan</b><br/><i>State Coordinator - Kerala UN Women</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Ms. Veda Bharadwaja</b>, <i>Country Program Manager, UN Women India.</i></li> <li>2. <b>Ms. Ayusha Prasain</b><br/><i>Chief Executive Officer Community Homestay Network</i></li> <li>3. <b>Ms. Nirmala Ranasinghe</b><br/><i>Professor (Associate) at Nara Prefectural University - University of Moratuwa</i></li> <li>4. <b>Mr. Dileep Kumar</b><br/><i>Founder &amp; CEO, Imperience Hotels and Resorts</i></li> <li>5. <b>Ms. Komal Darira</b><br/><i>Founder Women for World Tours &amp; Travels</i></li> </ol>  |
| <p>11:30 – 12:30 PM</p> | <p><b>Panel Discussion</b><br/><i>Theme: Inclusive Tourism for Sustainable Development</i></p>  | <p><b>Moderator:</b><br/><b>Mr. Rupeshkumar K</b><br/><i>CEO, Kerala Responsible Tourism Mission Society, Department of Tourism, Govt. of Kerala</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Ms. Ayusha Prasain</b><br/><i>Chief Executive Officer Community Homestay Network</i></li> <li>2. <b>Ms. Manisha Pande</b>,<br/><i>Director ICRT Global</i></li> <li>3. <b>Ms. Annick Sansoni</b><br/><i>Sustainable Travel Partnership Lead at Community Homestay Network based in Paris</i></li> <li>4. <b>Ms. Indukrishna</b><br/><i>Founder Escape Now, State Resource Person – KRTM Society</i></li> <li>5. <b>Ms. Geethu Mohandas</b><br/><i>Founder Lets Go for a Camp, State Resource Person – KRTM Society</i></li> </ol> |

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| 12:30-1:30 PM  | <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <p><i>Special Segment:<br/>Success Stories: Responsible Tourism in Kerala</i></p>               | <p>Success Story Of Kerala Women- Friendly Tourism Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Minu M Gopal</b><br/>State Resource Person – KRTM Society</li> </ul> <p>Role of Tourism Industry in Kerala Responsible Tourism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>S. Swaminathan,</b><br/>Secretary - Kerala Travel Mart Society</li> </ul> <p>Successful Destination – Bekal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Shijin Parambath</b><br/>MD - BRDC</li> </ul> <p>Responsible Tourism – Souvenir, Beypore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Sreekala Lekshmi</b><br/>District RT Mission Co-ordinator, Kozhikode</li> </ul> <p>Kerala Agri-Tourism Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Williams Mathew</b><br/>Infarm Nursery Western Ghat Tropical Garden in Kozhikode, Resource Person, KRTM Society</li> </ul> <p>Kavvayi Stories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Rahul Narayanan</b><br/>Founder - Kavvayi Stories</li> </ul> |
| 01:30 – 02:30 PM   Lunch                             |   |   |
| 2:30 – 03:30 PM                                      | <p><b>Panel Discussion</b></p> <p><i>Theme: Scaling Responsible and Inclusive Tourism Through Sustainable Marketing</i></p> | <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Manisha Pande</b> <i>Director ICRT Global</i></p> <p>Special Address</p> <p><b>Mr. Richard Hammond</b> <i>Publishing Director, Green Traveller Media</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Ms. Casey Lenore Mead</b> <i>Director -CM Communications Melbourne, Australia</i></li> <li>2. <b>Mr. Shelton Pinheiro</b> <i>Executive Creative Director at Stark Communications</i></li> <li>3. <b>Mr. Rajan Rai</b> <i>Accessibility Subject Matter Expert, Dexian India</i></li> <li>4. <b>Mr. Vancheeswaran,</b> <i>Managing Committee Member KTM</i></li> <li>5. <b>Mr. Neelkanth Pararath</b><br/>Founder, WebCRS</li> </ol>  |
| 03:30 – 04:00 PM   Tea / Coffee Break and Networking |   |   |
| 04:00 – 05:00 PM <b>Valedictory Session</b>          |   |   |