

Parl panel flags eco-tourism push for Kodagu

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RAJIV Pratap Rudy, chairperson of the Central Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism, and Culture, underscored the urgent need to balance tourism growth with environmental protection in Kodagu and called for a shift toward sustainable, eco-friendly practices.

Speaking at a seminar on Kodagu tourism held in Madikeri, Rudy highlighted the sharp rise in tourist inflow and warned against the risks of unregulated expansion. He urged the state government to conduct a scientific carrying-capacity study to determine how many visitors the district can sustainably accommodate at a time.

"Without mechanisms to regulate mass tourism, Kodagu's fragile ecosystem will bear the consequences," he said, advocating for the promotion of homestays over large-scale corporate resorts, which he noted could strain local resources and harm the environment. He also cautioned against indiscriminate infrastructure expansion, including road-widening projects in reserve forest areas.

Rudy called for strict enforcement against illegally operating homestays and directed tourism officials to take immediate action. He instructed authorities to submit monthly compliance reports to the committee, warning that unchecked tourism could erode Kodagu's

ecological and cultural identity over time.

MP and Committee member Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri pointed out that while Kodagu attracts significant tourist footfall, it continues to receive inadequate development funding. He urged both the Centre and the state to ensure more targeted and sustainable investments. Kageri also stressed the importance of showcasing Kodava culture and authentic local cuisine in hospitality spaces, expressing concern over the declining quality of local products in the market.

Another member and MP Jaggesh, called for stronger national and international promotion of Kodagu as a tourism destination. He suggested exploring heli-tourism initiatives to attract foreign visitors, while emphasising the need for a structured and optimistic tourism strategy.

Committee member Sanjay Kumar Jha and representatives from the Kodagu Hotels and Resorts Association also attended the seminar. Association advisor G. Chidvilas presented an overview of the district's tourism landscape and reiterated demands for reviving the Kushalnagar airstrip and advancing railway connectivity projects.

Stakeholders from homestay and travel associations echoed concerns over environmental degradation and called for stricter regulation of illegal accommodations, along with sustained efforts to preserve Kodagu's cultural heritage.

Min, MLA slam delays in road works; deadline set before monsoon

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KODAGU district In-charge Minister N S Boseraju and Madikeri MLA Manthar Gowda expressed strong dissatisfaction over delays in road works across the district on Tuesday, blaming officials for a lack of urgency and poor execution.

Chairing the KDP review meeting, Boseraju said that despite adequate funds being released, road repair works are

neither progressing at the required pace nor being carried out scientifically.

He criticised the functioning of the PWD, alleging negligence and lack of accountability. In response, PWD engineers stated that Rs 7.44 crore had been released for state highways under district road management for 2025-26. Of this, 11 works were taken up in Madikeri division, 20 in Somwarpet, and 13 in Virajpet. Additionally, Rs 14.15 crore has

been allocated for district main roads.

Boseraju emphasised that Kodagu, which is severely affected during heavy rains, requires timely and quality road repairs. "The government has provided sufficient funds, but there is serious concern over their proper utilisation. Officials are not delivering as expected," he said, directing that all ongoing works be completed before the onset of the monsoon.

When officials cited contractor delays and a shortage of raw materials, the minister rejected the explanation, asserting that it is the responsibility of officials to coordinate effectively and ensure smooth execution. Echoing the concern, Manthar Gowda pointed to persistent delays and instructed authorities to expedite all pending projects without further excuses. Karnataka Sports Authority vice-president C S Arun Machaiah flagged specific

stretches-including the Virajpet-Perumbadi-Makutta, Ammathi-Kondangeri-Moornad, and Karike-Bhagamandala roads-for substandard and unscientific work.

Several other incomplete projects were also reviewed during the meeting.

Taking serious note of the lapses, the minister issued strict directions to the officials concerned to ensure all road works are completed before the monsoon begins.



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Protest in Surathkal over incomplete four-lane road

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mangaluru

THE DEMOCRATIC Youth Federation of India (DYFI) Kana unit staged a roadblock at Kana Junction on Tuesday, over the long-pending and incomplete Kana-MRPL four-lane road project, demanding immediate completion of the work blamed for frequent accidents.

DYFI district president B K Imtiaz alleged that despite funds being sanctioned after

sustained public pressure, the project has stalled due to a tussle between the Mangaluru City Corporation and the Public Works Department.

"The road has virtually been left without accountability. Elected representatives remain silent spectators," he said.

Imtiaz warned that if the work is not completed immediately, protesters would intensify their agitation and lay siege to the city corporation office.

Legends Cricket League on May 9-10

MANGALURU: The fifth edition of the Legends Cricket League is set to take place on May 9 and 10 at Govindas College Ground, Surathkal. The tournament is being organised by the Surathkal Sports and Cultural Club in association with the Surathkal Sports and Cultural Seva Trust. This edition of the league is exclusively for players aged 45 and above. A total of 12 teams from Hassan, Shivamogga, Bengaluru, Arsikere, Udipi, and Dakshina Kannada will participate in the tournament.

Min Gundu Rao to visit DK on May 8

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mangaluru

DAKSHINA Kannada district In-charge Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao will visit the district on May 8 and participate in a series of official meetings and public programmes.

According to the schedule, the minister will arrive at Mangaluru International Airport at 8:15 am. At 9:55 am, he will hold dis-

cussions with officials at the Deputy Commissioner's office regarding district mineral fund utilisation. At 11 am, he will chair a preparatory meeting with officials to review monsoon readiness in Dakshina Kannada district. Later, at 12 noon, he will meet officials of the Mangaluru City Corporation and the Mangaluru Urban Development Authority.

At 2:30 pm, the minister will inspect ongoing works at Sulthan

Bathery. At 4 pm, he will attend a religious programme involving the reinstallation ceremony at the Bhagavan 1008 Sri Prashwanatha Swami Jain temple in Uppinangady. At 6 pm, he will participate in a temple-related event at Sri Rama Mandira in Moodbidri, including rituals associated with the reinstallation and Brahmakalashotsava ceremony. He is scheduled to depart from Mangaluru to Bengaluru at 8:10 pm the same day.

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