

## Digital museum, Miyawaki model forest coming up at Kanakakunnu Palace

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In good news to tourists, history enthusiasts and nature buffs, Kerala Tourism has launched projects to set up a digital museum and raise a Miyawaki model forest at the Kanakakunnu Palace in the heart of the state capital.

While launching both the projects at a function at Kanakakunnu Palace, Mr. Kadakampally Surendran Minister for Co-operation, Tourism and Devaswom, mooted the idea of formulating a Travancore Heritage plan, on the lines of the Muziris, Alappuzha and Thalassery heritage projects.

The Minister said Miyawaki model forest, coming up at five cents on the Suryakanthi grounds, will be replicated in all major tourist centres of the state.

The two schemes underscore the state's policy of promoting tourism by preserving nature and heritage.

In her address, Mrs. Rani George IAS, Secretary, Tourism, said the digital museum will showcase the culture of Travancore and Kerala. Mr. P Bala Kiran IAS, Director, Tourism, said world-class technology has gone into the concept of the digital museum.

Mr. Palayam Rajan, Councillor, Corporation, Thiruvananthapuram, presided over both the functions.

The Museum is part of works worth Rs 8.94 crore sanctioned to strengthen and preserve the heritage of Kanakakunnu Palace, a bustling cultural hub known for its aesthetically crafted architecture located at the core of a lush green mound.