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Foundation stones laid for Tourism Infrastructure Development Projects at Colva & Benaulim



Panjim, July 10: Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Govt. of Goa, Mr. Manohar Ajaonkar, in the presence of Hon'ble MLA of Benaulim, Mr. Churchill Alemao, today laid the foundation stones at Colva and Benaulim beaches for tourism Infrastructure development which will up the profile and beauty of South Goa's two most loved and thronged shores.

While Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Mr. Manohar Ajaonkar spoke on the occasion, the Hon'ble Chairman of Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC), Mr. Nilesh Cabral in a written message said, "I am extremely thankful to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Parrikar for all his support towards tourism infrastructure development in Goa. I also thank the Hon'ble Minister for Tourism, Mr. Manohar Ajaonkar for supporting all initiatives of the GTDC towards infrastructure development. As it is known, Colva beach is proposed to be developed as an Iconic Tourist Beach location by the Ministry for Tourism, Govt. of India. We are working towards this in letter and spirit. In addition to Colva and Benaulim beaches, we also propose to beautify several other beaches in North and South Goa by way of providing tourist facilities. I congratulate all



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the teams working on the projects and assure to have all works completed at the earliest.”

The Rs 13.87crore tourism infrastructure development projects for Colva and Benaulim beaches will be carried out by Goa Tourism Development Corporation.

The cost of the project for Colva is Rs 11.67 crore. This includes road beautification at Colva beach, beautification of existing island, pathways, drainage etc, construction of toilet blocks with changing rooms, four-wheeler parking for 80 vehicles and two-wheeler parking for 327 vehicles. It also includes bus parking for 54 vehicles, play equipment for children’s play area, landscaping and illumination.

As far as tourism infrastructure development at Benualim beach, this includes pathways with sitting facility at the beach, four- wheeler parking for 102 vehicles, two-wheeler parking for 152 vehicles, landscaping and illumination. The cost for this project at Benaulim beach will be approximately Rs 2.20 crore.

Also present today was Ms Nelly Rodrigues, ZP Member – Colva, Mr. Antonio L. Fernandes, Sarpanch VP Colva , Diella Fernandes, Sarpanch VP Benaulim and other officials from Goa Tourism.