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Dumping of plastic waste keeping people away from the beaches

KOZHIKODE: Littering of plastic waste on the Beach Road stretch starting from the Kozhikode Beach to Bhatt road beach is keeping the people away from the beaches. The beaches which were beautified utilising crores of fund under the Tsunami Rehabilitation Scheme are now turning out to be as place to dump the plastic waste after sunset.

Though the government had carried out the beautification of Thoppayil and Bhatt road beaches using the Tsunami Rehabilitation Funds, the people couldn't spend their leisure time in the evening at these beaches owing to absence of lights. The beaches are now turning out to be places for dumping of all types of wastes including plastic and household wastes. The people are learnt to be dumping the wastes after the sun set.

M Shoba, a resident near the Chungam said that earlier we used to come to the beach for the early morning walk. `` The site of piled up wastes on the road sides and on the beach actually forced us to change the route of our morning walk. We want the authority concerned take stern steps against those who engaged in littering wastes on the road and beach sides," she said.

Thoppayil ward councilor T Sujan said that Thoppayil beach and surrounding areas will be cleaned on the day of October 2. `` The issue is already brought to the attention of the corporation office," he said.

Meanwhile, Corporation health standing committee chairperson Janamma Kunjunni said that the civic body has decided to take stern action against those who engage in dumping plastic waste. `` The civic body will ban the plastic waste below 40 microtone and planning to bring down the use of plastic waste in a phased manner. Huge fine will also be imposed against those who found to be littering plastic wastes in public places. A decision in this regard will be taken at a council meeting to be held in the month of October," said the health standing committee chairperson.