



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Planning & Economic Affairs Department – Development of Varkala Papanasam Cliff as UNESCO Global Geopark – Constitution of a Committee to interact with UNESCO Regional Office, New Delhi – Orders issued.

PLANNING & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (D) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.83/2026/P&EA Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 20-02-2026

- Read: 1. Letter No.56/Saj/2025 dated 28.10.2025 from Dr. Sajin Kumar K. S, Assistant Professor, Department of Geology, University of Kerala
2. Minutes of the meeting convened by the Chief Secretary on 27.01.2026.

ORDER

Varkala Papanasam Cliff has been included in the Tentative List of the UNESCO Geoheritage Sites. In order to review the progress and decide on the future course of action regarding the proposed UNESCO Geopark at Varkala a review meeting was convened by the Chief Secretary on 27.01.2026.

2. As decided in the said meeting, Government are pleased to constitute a Committee to interact with the UNESCO Regional Office, New Delhi, and to identify the procedures and requirements for inclusion of the Varkala Papanasam Cliff in the UNESCO Global Geopark Network (GGN). The Committee shall consist of the following members:

Sl.No	Name & Designation	Role
1	The Chief Secretary	Chairperson
2	Principal Secretary, Planning & Economic Affairs Department	Member
3	The Secretary, Cultural Affairs Department	Member
4	The Secretary, Industries Department	Member

	(Representing Mining and Geology)	
5	The Secretary, Tourism Department	Member
6	Representative from Geological Survey of India (GSI), Thiruvananthapuram	Member
7	Dr. Sheela Nair, National Centre for Earth Science Studies (NCESS), Thiruvananthapuram	Member
8	Dr. Sajin Kumar K.S., Assistant Professor, Department of Geology, University of Kerala.	Member
9	The Managing Director, Vision Varkala Infrastructure Development (VIVID) Corporation Ltd	Convener

(By order of the Governor)
LETHAKUMARI M B
ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

To:

1. All Members of the Committee.
2. The Managing Director, Vision Varkala Infrastructure Development (VIVID) Corporation Ltd, Varkala
3. Information & Public Relations (Web & New Media) Department.
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