

Ooty to get another tourist attraction

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Udhagamandalam: The Nilgiris is all set to have another tourist attraction. A park, named after the founder of the modern Nilgiris, John Sullivan, is getting ready at Kannerimukku village located close to the Sullivan memorial.

The Sullivan Park, being developed at a cost of Rs 20 lakh, will be opened for public on January 15, 2021, a day before the 166th death anniversary of Sullivan.

Since Sullivan memorial is in the village, the government decided to develop the area as a park as part of tourism development.

Collector J Innocent Divya said, "A sum of Rs.20 lakh has been sanctioned by the Special Area Development Authority (SADP) towards the development of the park." She added, "Earth work of the project has been completed. Species of 'shola' tree saplings and 'shola grasses' find place in the park among others."

Attractions planned for the park are a flower garden, natural species of the Nilgiris, children play area and a food court, among others. The Kotagiri town panchayat is carrying out the project. When it comes to development of a garden, the panchayat has sought the help of the horticulture department.

Shiva Subramaniam Samraj, joint director, horticulture department said, "We are helping the Kotagiri town panchayat by providing flower saplings and expertise in planting the saplings to develop a garden in the Sullivan Park."

An official process of formality is underway to hand over the park to the horticulture department for maintenance purposes.

Stating that Sullivan Park will be another attraction added to the list of tourist spots in the Nilgiris, Divya said, "The park will be opened for public on January 15, 2021."

