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News: Beypore Uru

- The District Tourism Promotion Council, Kozhikode has applied for a Geographical Indication (GI) tag for the famous Beypore Uru (boat).

Beypore Uru

- Beypore Uru is a **wooden dhow (ship / sailing boat / sailing vessel) handcrafted by skilled artisans and carpenters in Beypore, Kerala.**
- The Beypore Uru is a **symbol of Kerala's trade relations and friendship with the Gulf countries.**
- The Uru is purely **made of premium wood, without using any modern techniques.**
- The **wood used to build the Uru is still sawed the traditional way** which requires immense expertise.
- It takes **one to four years to build each Uru** and the **entire process is done manually.**
- Today, **many artisans involved in Uru making are over 50 – 70 years old** and have been in the profession since their fathers passed on the tradition to them.

- Records quoted in the filing show that **Beyport has been a legendary maritime hub for traders from across the world since the 1st Century C.E. and the iconic Uru ships have been in high demand for around 2,000 years.**