

ALLOTMENT OF SPACE AT SDF BEGINS

The Standard Design Factory (SDF) of KINFRA Small Industries Park, Nellad near Ernakulam is ready for allocation.

Spread over 2.03 acres of land, the five-storey building has an allottable area of 78,000 sq. ft. According to Dr. T Unnikrishnan, General Manager (Projects), KINFRA, companies which are non-polluting and require minimum amount of water for operations will be given allotment. The firm SGV Fluid Controls Private Limited has already been allotted space of 3250 sq. ft. Officials added that three more companies have expressed interest for around 30,000 sq. ft. on various floors.

The present monthly rent of the SDF building is Rs. 12.88 per sq.ft. (excluding service tax). There will also be a security deposit equivalent to one year's rent, officials said.

The Small Industries Park is spread over 65 acres of land. Of the allottable 50.11 acres of land, 46.24 acres have been allotted to 67 companies, which include firms in the manufacturing, polymers, ayurveda and herbal extracts sectors, and agro-based units. They serve a range of customers, varying from the local population to those in the US. Officials said that apart from driving industrial development, the Park has transformed the sleepy village into a bustling town generating several indirect employment opportunities for the local people. "The village which has not had a single bank till recently now has branches of five nationalised banks," Dr. T Unnikrishnan said.



Around 30 acres of the Park has been earmarked for projects in the food processing sector alone. Companies like Sara Spices, which produces ready-to-eat products, Dr. Warriar's Panchakarma Institute, which brings out Dhathri brand of Ayurvedic products and Brahmins, the popular food brand, have set up units in the park.

The Park has an effluent treatment plant which uses a common drainage system to collect effluents. The plant has a capacity of 400 cubic metres.

The park offers infrastructure facilities such as water and power supply, and developed land. In addition to these, it has a cold storage facility having a capacity of 50 tonnes, which can be expanded to 250 tonnes.

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BUDGET: KINFRA GETS ALLOCATION OF RS. 111 CRORE

The Kerala State Budget 2017-18, presented by Dr. T M Thomas Isaac, State Finance Minister, has earmarked Rs. 111 crore for KINFRA. The budget proposes to begin the construction of a Techno-Industrial Park at Kakkancherry with an area of 1.1 lakh sq.ft. and an Advanced Technology Park at Ramanattukara this year.

The major projects of KINFRA are the industrial water supply projects in Palakkad and Kochi and industrial parks at Mattannur, Thodupuzha, Kalamassery, Kazhakkootam, Kollam, Ernakulam and Kakkancherry. Considering the fact that Kerala is far below in 'ease of doing business', the budget seeks to initiate a time-bound programme to improve the situation. For this purpose, necessary amendments will be made in the Single-Window Clearance Act - 1999. A special committee chaired by State Chief Secretary will be constituted for monitoring the activities. The proposed Rs. 1,864-crore Petrochemical Park in Kochi, for which KINFRA has obtained in-principle approval from the State Government, will be allocated fund from Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB).

MEGASYS BIOTEK PVT. LTD. ON EXPANSION MODE



Megasys Biotek Pvt. Ltd., the state-of-the-art pharmaceutical formulation unit at KINFRA Industries Park, Koratty and a subsidiary of Akessiss Pharma Pvt. Ltd., is on an expansion mode.

The company is in the process of enhancing its tablet manufacturing capacity to 30 million per month from its current capacity of 12.5 million per month. The plan is to complete the installation of machineries and start production at the new facility by the second quarter of 2017-18 fiscal.

A WHO-GMP certified-unit, the manufacturing plant at Megasys Biotek has a built-up area of 25,000 sq.ft. It is equipped with technologically-advanced equipment and

automated systems to produce tablets, oral liquids, eye/ear drops and nasal drops. Currently, the plant has the capacity to produce one million bottles of oral liquids and ophthalmic preparations per month. The unit, which began operations in 2011, manufactures and supplies drugs to leading companies in

Kerala as well as other states. It also exports products to Sri Lanka in a big way. Megasys recently received orders from Kerala Medical Services Corporation also.

The infrastructure has been set up as per current Good Manufacturing Practice guidelines of various international regulatory bodies like United States Food and Drug Administration, Therapeutic Goods Administration of Australia and Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency of the UK.

Besides, there is heating, ventilation and air conditioning system to ensure ISO standards of air classification.

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MEDICAL CAMP ORGANISED

KINFRA Small Industries Park Koratty, in association with District Health Centre and National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) unit, organised a medical camp for migrant labourers recently. Sindhu Jayaraj, member of the local panchayat, inaugurated the camp which close to 250 migrant workers attended. The camp was conducted mainly to screen for Malaria, Filariasis and Leprosy cases.