

## 'KERALA GOVT. TAKING STEPS TO FACILITATE INVESTMENTS'



INDUSTRIES MINISTER A C MOIDEEN INAUGURATING THE STANDARD DESIGN FACTORY (SDF) AT KINFRA SMALL INDUSTRIES PARK (KSIP) AT THALASSERY

**E**mphasizing that the State Government is striving hard to create an entrepreneurial ecosystem in Kerala, A C Moideen, Industries Minister said that appropriate steps are being taken to ensure that investments do not remain stuck in red tape. He said this while inaugurating the Standard Design Factory (SDF) at KINFRA Small Industries Park (KSIP) at Thalassery recently. "There have been allegations that official apathy and procedural delays are hampering industrial growth in the State. To tackle this, Kerala Government has decided to set up single-window clearance system," he said.

According to the Minister, shortage of land suitable for industrial purpose is a major challenge in Kerala. "So the Government's aim is to utilise the available land effectively. We will acquire around 5,000 acres of land for KINFRA. Lot of expatriates in the Gulf are returning to Kerala due to economic crisis



there. We wish to see those people turning entrepreneurs by investing in small-scale industries," he said.

A N Shamseer MLA presided over the function in which Wg. Cdr. K A Santhosh Kumar, MD, KINFRA and Dr. T Unnikrishnan, GM,

KINFRA also spoke. According to KINFRA officials, the four-storey SDF building having a total area of 55,000 sq.ft. has been set up at a cost of Rs. 10 crore. The facility can host a maximum of 20 companies. The registration for allotment of space has already started and preference is being given to IT, ITES, Nanotechnology, Biotechnology and other non-polluting industries.

Commissioned in the year 2000, KSIP is situated on 50.12 acres of land with modern infrastructural facilities. Of this, 32 acres have already been allotted to 43 units. Among them, 30 units are fully operational while others are under various stages of development. These units are engaged in manufacturing of furniture, dye, kitchen utensils and various food products. As of now, the Park has provided direct employment to more than 1000 persons. Major furniture brand Rubco has already set up their factory at the KINFRA park.

## STONE LAID FOR SDF AT KAKKANCHERY KINFRA PARK

**K**erala Industries Minister A C Moideen has recently laid the foundation stone for the Standard Design Factory (SDF) to be constructed at KINFRA Techno Industrial Park, Kakkanchery in Malappuram district.

Delivering the inaugural address, the Minister said that setting up of industrial units should not be thwarted citing ecological reasons. "We should be able to go forward after tackling the issues that may harm the environment," he said.

P Abdul Hameed MLA presided over the function in which P K Kunhalikutty MP, former State Industries Minister, was the chief guest. A P Unnikrishnan, District Panchayat President; Wg. Cdr. K A Santhosh Kumar, MD, KINFRA and Dr. T Unnikrishnan, General Manager, also spoke on the occasion.

The proposed SDF, which will have an area of one lakh sq.ft., can accommodate up to 50 IT and



ITES firms. The cost of the project is Rs. 41 crore. Once established, the project would provide direct

employment to 1000 persons while more than 1500 people will benefit indirectly.

KINFRA has allotted the entire space in the existing 85,000-sq.ft. building at the Park. According to KINFRA officials, 30 IT units are functioning in it.

The management has decided to construct new SDF considering the number of fresh applications from entrepreneurs seeking space at the Park.

### YOGA DAY CELEBRATED



**A** special session on Yoga was conducted at KINFRA by Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centre on June 21 on the occasion of International Yoga Day 2017. Wg. Cdr. K A Santhosh Kumar, MD, KINFRA inaugurated the event in which T Unnikrishnan, GM, KINFRA and Dr. J Muraleedharan, Manager (Admin) also spoke.

### MEGA FOOD PARKS: STAKEHOLDERS' MEET HELD



**K**INFRA, in association with NABARD, organised a stakeholders' meeting on 'Investment Prospects and Special Financing for Mega Food Parks' in Kochi on June 27, 2017.

The primary aim of the meeting was to create awareness about the new Mega Food Parks being set up in Kerala and also concessional lending under the 'Food Process-

ing Fund' operated by NABARD. Wg. Cdr. K A Santhosh Kumar MD, KINFRA welcomed the gathering and delivered the key note address. Officials of NABARD, KINFRA, KSIDC and IL&FS (Project Management Consultant for Mega Food Parks) made presentations during the meeting, which was followed by an interactive session with stakeholders.