

HOSTEL FOR MIGRANT LABOURERS NEARING COMPLETION



'MIGRANT HOSTEL' BEING CONSTRUCTED AT KINFRA IITP PALAKKAD

The 'Migrant Hostel' for Domestic Migrant Labourers (DMLs) at the KINFRA Integrated Industrial and Textile Park (IITP) at Kanjikode in Palakkad district under 'Apna Ghar' project is nearing completion.

Being implemented by Bhavanam Foundation Kerala (BFK), the project will be inaugurated in February 2017. It is being built in an area of 85 cents of land taken on lease from KINFRA IITP, and can accommodate 750 persons. Soon after the inauguration, authorities will invite applications from migrant labourers and they will be given admission through a selection process, which includes verification of their identity.

BFK is a public sector non-profit company fully owned by the Government of Kerala under the Department of Labour and Skills. Registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act 1956, the objective of the Company is to provide,

promote, develop and establish residential accommodation and other associated infrastructure and services for labourers, workers and low-wage employees in Kerala. It will also provide facilities for the education of plantation workers' children and healthcare.

'Apna Ghar' project is aimed at providing good quality hostel ac-

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commodation with all basic facilities on rental basis to migrant labourers from States like Bihar, UP, West Bengal and Odisha who are working at KINFRA IITP and in other units in Kanjikode. The hostel will have facilities like cots with beds, kitchen, dining room, area for washing clothes, bathrooms and toilets.

The BFK is presently in the pro-

cess of commencing similar housing schemes under 'Apna Ghar' project in Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam and Kozhikode districts.

BFK has recently called for EoI (Expression of Interest) for appointing a facility manager to look after the Palakkad housing project. The facility manager would be responsible for monitoring the hostels and un-

dertaking various activities, including cleaning, electrical and other maintenance works and operation of STP (Sewage Treatment Plant). However, inmates will have to utilise kitchen facilities on their own. There is provision for piped supply of cooking gas. There is also a compound wall with two gates, cabins for watchmen and a police aid post.

NEW HARIPLY PACKINGS MULLS DOUBLING PRODUCTION

New Haripoly Packings, makers of different types of polyethylene bags, sheets and treated rolls, at KINFRA Techno-Industrial Park at Kakkancherry in Malappuram is planning to double their production in the near future. Started in 1979 at Cherukavu, the company relocated to the KINFRA Park about five months ago.

Speaking to *Destination Kerala*, Ajith Kumar, Managing Partner, New Haripoly Packings, said the company has the capacity to manufacture five tonnes of polyethylene sheets using the existing infrastructure. "We have three employees, including one operator. There are eight machines and the average daily production comes to around 1.25 tonnes. Currently, shops and establishments in Kozhikode are our major clients. We are trying to expand to other markets within the State and outside by fully utilising our capacity," he said.

According to Ajith Kumar, relocating the unit to KINFRA Park has helped a lot in terms of its operations. "Uninterrupted power supply with steady voltage is a must for the functioning of any industrial unit. If there is an interruption in power

supply, the sheet will be torn causing much loss. This will also affect the quality of the product. Hence, the steady supply of electricity ensured by Park authorities is indeed a boon for us," he said. The products offered by New Haripoly Packings include high-density polyethylene (HDPE), low-density polyethylene (LDPE) and polypropylene (PP). These are

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used as raw materials for packing in textile and food industries. It also supplies plastic sheets for packing pillows, beds and furniture.

"We also manufacture multi-layer lamination films, sheets for packing milk and edible oil and shrink wrapping. There is also a plan to export garbage bags and grow-bags to Sri Lanka," Ajith Kumar said.

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KINFRA TAKES PART IN AYURVEDA CONGRESS

Dr. J Muraleedharan, Special Officer, Global Ayurveda Village, represented KINFRA at the recently-concluded 7th World Ayurveda Congress & AROGYA Expo in Kolkata organised by World Ayurveda with the support of Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India. Shripad Yesso Naik, Union Minister for AYUSH, inaugurated the Kerala pavilion which showcased the strength of Ayurveda in Kerala

