

STONE LAID FOR MEGA FOOD PARK AT KANJIKODE



Giving a big push to the infrastructure development in the food processing sector in Kerala, Pinarayi Vijayan, State Chief Minister and Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Union Minister for Food Processing, jointly laid the foundation stone for a Rs. 119.02-crore Mega Food Processing Park at Kanjikode in Palakkad recently.

The Chief Minister, in his speech, said that the State will give thrust to food processing and value addition of agriculture products to help farmers get remunerative prices for their products. Considering the vast potential of unique spices, fruits and marine resources, Kerala's share in the food processing sector should increase manifold, he said. "With the support of the Centre, we will set up more food parks," he added.

Minister Harsimrat Badal said the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is focusing on giving a boost to the food processing industry so that the agriculture sector grows exponentially



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and contributes to doubling the farmers' income. The food processing sector alone can save the farming community from the current crisis, she added.

Sadhvi Niranjani Jyoti, Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries; A C Moideen, Kerala Industries

Minister; M B Rajesh MP, K Krishnankutty MLA; Paul Antony IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Industries and Power and Wg. Cdr. K A Santhosh Kumar, MD, KINFRA, were also present.

KINFRA is developing the Park on 78.68 acres of land. It will have modern infrastructure facilities for food processing along the value chain from farm to market with strong forward and backward linkages through a cluster-based approach. Common facilities and enabling infrastructure have been created at the Central Processing Centre (CPC) and facilities for primary processing and storage are present near the farm in the form of Primary Processing Centers (PPCs) and Collection Centers (CCs).

'GOVERNMENT KEEN ON DEVELOPING MORE ECO-FRIENDLY INDUSTRIAL PARKS'

Kerala Industries Minister A C Moideen laid the foundation stone for the KINFRA Advanced Technology Park at Ram-anattukara near Kozhikode recently.

Speaking on the occasion, Moideen said that the Kerala Government had already adopted a proactive role on the industrial development front by providing the right environment.

Kerala has achieved remarkably high levels of social development for an economically backward State. It cannot, however, sustain the momentum without stepping up the rate of economic growth. Industrial development is an essential requirement for the socio-economic growth, the Minister said. The government is keen on developing eco-friendly industrial parks all over



the State, he added.

V K C Mammedkoya MLA presided over the function in which Wg. Cdr. K A Santhosh Kumar, MD, KINFRA was also present. KINFRA has earmarked 10 acres of land for setting up the Park with the aim of providing infrastructure facilities

for advanced technology industries/knowledge-based industries. The common infrastructure facilities at the Park include power supply, water supply and plug and play arrangement for the units. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 45 crore, excluding the land cost.

KORATTY INDUSTRIAL PARK TO GET NEW FACILITY



Considering the increasing demand for space at its Industrial Park in Koratty, Thrissur, KINFRA is set to build a new complex at the Park spending Rs. 28 crore. A C Moideen, State

Industries Minister, laid the foundation stone for the standard design factory (SDF) building at the Park recently in the presence of B D Devassy, MLA and Wg. Cdr. K A Santhosh Kumar, MD, KINFRA.

"The SDF which will cover 70,402 sq. ft., is expected to house about 20 industrial units including IT and ITES companies. Already, there are about 30 industrial units functioning on the 30-acre campus of the Park. Together, the companies employ 1,200 people. And an investment of Rs. 69.61 crore was also made," KINFRA MD said.

The companies that will operate at the SDF following its completion are jointly expected to provide employment to 1,000 people directly and 5,000 people indirectly.

The Park has ample electricity supply and efficient rainwater harvesting facility. Statutory clearances to set up industrial units at the Park are being provided via single-window facility.