

KINFRA Film & Video Park hosts magical infotainment extravaganza by Magician Gopinath Muthukad

Chief Minister inaugurates Magic Planet; First magical performance by actor Mohanlal

KINFRA Film & Video Park (KFVP), the first, and so far the only full-fledged public sector infotainment park of its kind in India will henceforth provide a vibrant atmosphere of live performances by magicians of old and new genres with the inauguration of Magic Planet by Sri. Oommen Chandy on October 31, 2014. The first magic item was performed by renowned actor of India's film world Sri. Mohanlal. Minister, Industries & IT, Sri. P.K. Kunhalikutty led a group of luminaries to offer felicitations to the dream project.



Magic Planet, conceived and executed by Sri. Gopinath Muthukad, the internationally acclaimed practitioner of entertainment thro' illusion, is the first entirely magic-themed complex in the world, designed for children to experience science, technology, art

and literature through magic.

The unique edutainment centre built at the KINFRA Film & Video Park near Kazhakkootam was opened to the public on October 31 which is observed worldwide as Magic Day in honour of Harry Houdini.

Magic Planet's mascot, a bespectacled young magician, has been named 'Harry' in a nod to the celebrat-



Oommen Chandy P.K. Kunhalikutty Mohanlal

ed illusionist and escape artist.

The complex, spread over 1.5 acres, will house a number of attractions including a museum, an underground tunnel, a mirror maze, shadow plays, a virtual supermarket to build mathematical skills, a children's park, a food court, theatres for live performances and an R&D centre.

The Magic Planet opens up with the richness of Magic history, with awe inspiring caverns and breath taking formations. Close-up Theatre explores the world of Magic performed with small objects for small groups of people.

KINFRA Hi-Tech Park turns major hub for technology innovation & incubation

New innovation policy in the offing to support entrepreneurship: Oommen Chandy

KINFRA Hi-Tech Park Kalamasserry is fast metamorphosing into an infrastructural hub for high technology enterprises, headed by a new generation

TIZ will be handed over to Startup Village for providing incubation support to around 40 start-ups.

"The objective of the Innovation Zone is to provide maximum possible support to young entrepreneurs across a number of industry verticals, apart from telecom and IT," he pointed out. "At least eight different sectors, like agriculture, electronics, food processing, tourism and so on, have been identified for providing incubation support".



of technologists with fire in their belly and creativity in their outlook.

The latest evidence of this welcome development was the inauguration by Sri. Oommen Chandy, Chief Minister-Kerala of the first phase of the Technology Innovation Zone (TIZ), an ambitious project under the Technopark-Technology Business Incubator (T-TBI), at the KINFRA Hi-Tech Park.

"Our government will soon announce a new innovative policy to promote entrepreneurship, he said in his inaugural address, adding that, the draft of the new policy is ready which will be unveiled at the earliest. The government will also chair a meeting of university vice-chancellors in the State to finalise a program to provide support to student entrepreneurs.

The newly inaugurated 10,000 sq.ft. work space at

surrounding areas in a time-bound manner.

The TIZ project is spread across 13.2 acres at the KINFRA Hi-Tech Park. Work on the remaining buildings is expected to be completed by 2017. Once fully operational, TIZ will have a total built-up area of over 500,000 sq.ft. and will have all the amenities of a futuristic business incubator including fab-labs and a data centre, apart from a convention centre, an amphitheatre, food courts and an exhibition lounge.

Sri. P.H. Kurien, Principal Secretary-IT & Industries, Sri. Hrishikesh Nair, CEO-Infopark, Sri. M.G. Rajamanickam, District Collector, Sri. Sanjay Vijayakumar, Chairman-Startup Village and Sri. Pranav Kumar Suresh, CEO-Startup Village were among those present at the event.

Dr. G.C. returns as S. Ramnath joins KSITL



Dr. G.C. Gopala Pillai, one of the pioneers of industrial development in Kerala post liberalization, took over as Managing Director, KINFRA on October 4, 2014. This is Dr. Pillai's second stint in the office, having served for almost a decade as

KINFRA's founder-Managing Director.

The outgoing MD, Sri. S. Ramnath, who served from March 2008 to October 2014, has moved to Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited (KSITL) as its MD. During his tenure, KINFRA spread its wings across the State with several new industrial parks and attendant developmental initiatives.

Dr. Pillai, a 40-year veteran in the field holds a Ph.D. in Management and is a fellow of such celebrated bodies as British Institute of Management (London), National Institute of Personal Management (Calcutta), All India Management Association (New Delhi) and several others.

After his initial stint with KINFRA, Dr. Pillai was assigned to head State enterprises such as RIAB, INKEL and KELTRON, as also FACT, a Central PSU. Flourishing brands under the KINFRA banner like the Film & Video Park and International Apparel Park, both in Trivandrum, Export Promotion Park and Hi-Tech Park, both in Cochin, Food Processing Park in Calicut, and CARE Keralam in Thrissur dist. were established under his watch. He was serving as Chairman, KELTRON when Dr. Pillai returned to KINFRA for his second stint as MD.

While relinquishing office, Sri. S. Ramnath recalled the many initiatives in IT and Small Industries zones during his tenure and thanked Team KINFRA for the support and assistance extended to him in making a success of his period of service. KINFRA News bids adieu to Sri. Ramnath and welcomes Dr. G.C. back to lead us for another period of growth and prosperity.

