

PARK TO BOOST LARGE, SMALL INDUSTRIES: E P JAYARAJAN

Former Industries Minister and MLA E P Jayarajan has said that the KINFRA Industrial Park at Mattanur in Kannur district, that will host industries having good potential will become functional along with the Kannur International Airport Limited (KIAL). He was speaking after inaugurating the construction work of roads within the Park premises.

The five-km road inside the Park is part of the project to provide basic infrastructural facilities for the industries that will be set up here. Set up on 128.59 acres of land at Keezhallur in Thalassery taluk and Kolari in Iritty taluk, the KINFRA Park will have the facilities to host large-scale industrial projects. Out of the total area, 80 acres of land can be utilised now. Tenders will soon be invited for works to provide water and electricity to the Park.

According to Jayarajan, the Park will soon become the largest industrial park in Kannur. It will be one of the growth indexes of the district along with the international airport. "Situated barely three km from KIAL, the Park can attract small and large-scale investors. The State Government is planning to acquire more land at Mattannur for further development of the Park. Apart from this, steps have been initiated to set up an IT Centre also in Mattannur constituency," the MLA said.

"As and when the Kannur airport becomes functional, there will be a bigger need for the development of industries here and it is the responsibility of KINFRA to provide



basic infrastructure for their functioning," added the MLA.

"We had submitted a proposal to the government for acquiring 4000 acres of land near the airport and have received sanction for acquiring around 2000 acres," said P Muralleedharan, North Zone Manager, KINFRA.

Located within close proximity to the Kannur-Coorg and Thalassery-Coorg roads, the Park will house a logistics centre that includes

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warehouse, food processing special economic zone, export enclave, hospitality sector (hotels), and IT-related industries.

KINFRA will provide Standard Design Factories (SDF) which

would be leased out to the industries as per their requirements. The units inside the Park will be mainly export-oriented industries.

"There are enquiries from various investors, but we have not finalised on anyone," added Muralleedharan.

Currently, construction of internal roads, undertaken with an outlay of Rs. 12.5 crore, apart from drains and allied works are underway. The work has been awarded to Jasmine Constructions, Kasargod. The basic amenities at the Park will also include uninterrupted power supply and water supply system.

The KINFRA Park will offer single-window clearance for the clients. They will also get support from KINFRA for major expansion and diversification plans. The land will be differentiated into various plots for various industries. Once established, the Park is expected to create over 1500 job opportunities.

Other KINFRA officials also participated in the inaugural function.

SUGGESTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PARKS MOOTED

Emphasising on the maximum utilisation of land, Dr. K Ellangovan IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Kerala has laid down a slew of suggestions for the development of KINFRA parks across the State. He paid a visit to the KINFRA Headquarters to review the activities of KINFRA.

Ellangovan suggested prepara-

tion of certain indices for evaluating the performance of the parks based on utilization of land, allotment of land and built-up spaces, revenue generated from park, self-sustenance of the park and other criteria. He said that these indices will be the benchmark for evaluation of competition within the industrial parks. Ellangovan also mooted annual performance-based awards to the

best park as well as units within the park.

“There should be training programmes, theme-based refresher courses and exhibitions at the park-level for the entrepreneurs. Maximum utilisation of the acquired land for industrial purposes should also be ensured,” said the Principal Secretary.

He said that rules related to allotment, including revoking land from defaulters, should be strictly followed. “Timely action on defaulters will encourage genuine entrepreneurs,” Ellangovan added.

Wg. Cdr. K A Santhosh Kumar, MD, KINFRA; Dr. T Unnikrishnan, GM (Projects); G Sunil, GM (Planning & Business Development) and other senior officials attended the meeting.



FIMCA PLAST OPENS AT KINFRA TEXTILE CENTRE



The first venture of Fimca Marine Projects LLP, Fimca Plast LLP, a plastic box production unit spread over one care of land, was inaugurated at the KINFRA Textile Centre at Kannur. The new venture was inaugurated by M Maimoonath, President, Chapparapadavu grama panchayat in the presence of K P M K Kunji, Chairman, Fimca Marine Project LLP. Jeeva Anandan, MD, KINFRA International Apparel Parks Ltd., was also present on the occasion. Fimca Marine Projects is a joint venture launched by many small-scale and major fish sellers. Panchayat officials and representatives of political parties were also present at the event.

KINFRA ORGANISES EVENT TO PROMOTE DEFENCE PARK

KINFRA, along with Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) – Palakkad Complex and Palakkad Management Association (PMA) organised an interactive session at the PMA Hall, Palakkad to explain the opportunities available at the upcoming KINFRA Defence Park at Ottappalam in the district. Wg. Cdr. K A Santhosh Kumar, MD, KINFRA briefed in detail about the investment opportunities available at the facility for defence equipment manufacturers. Sixty acres of land has been earmarked for the KINFRA Defence Park, a greenfield cluster which is a first-of-its-kind in the country.



The Park, with a total outlay of Rs. 131 crore, is being developed with assistance from the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Dr. T Unnikrishnan, GM (Projects); V R Balu, Manager; V Muralikrishnan, Junior Manager (all KINFRA); P Sivakumar, Plant Head, BEML, Palakkad; K V John, President, PMA; and Sumesh K Menon, Vice President, PMA also attended.

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