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Industries and IT Minister P K Kunhalikutty inaugurated KINFRA Industrial Park and laid the foundation stone for KINFRA Defence Park, country's first defence industrial park in the public sector, at Ottapalam in Palakkad district recently in the presence of MLA M Hamsa, Industries and IT Principal Secretary P H Kurian IAS and KINFRA MD Dr. G C Gopala Pillai.

On the occasion, an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) was signed with ERAM Group Chairman and Managing Director Dr. Siddeek Ahmed for setting up a food processing unit in the Park. The handing over of the allotment of the Stand Design Factory (SDF) to Blissful Apparels Private Limited for starting a textile unit was also held.

Giving Ottapalam a key position on the industrial map of Kerala, KINFRA Industrial Park, spread over 83 acres of land near the Palakkad-Ponnani State Highway,

has better road and rail connectivity. It has common security services, streetlight, rainwater harvesting facility with potable water supply system, dedicated power supply system and a green belt.

A part of the 'Make in India - Make in Kerala' project, the Rs. 231.35-crore KINFRA Defence Park is being developed under the Modified Industrial Infrastructure

Upgradation Scheme (MIUS) of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion. The plan is to set up the park with all modern infrastructure facilities exclusively for the component manufacturers of defence industry. The industrial units in the cluster will be given shared infrastructure facilities for innovative product development. The project is expecting a Central assistance of Rs.50 crore.

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AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF
KINFRA DEFENCE PARK

GLOBAL AYURVEDA VILLAGE PROJECT GETS RS. 7.5 CRORE



Giving a fillip to KINFRA's ambitious Global Ayurveda Village project, Kerala Government has set apart Rs. 7.5 crore in the 2016-17 State Budget presented by Chief Minister Oommen Chandy in February. This is the first time that the project, which is to be implemented in public-private participation (PPP) mode, is getting such a substantial allocation in the State's budget. The Rs. 152.5-crore project was also mentioned in Gov-

ernor P Sathasivam's policy address to the State Assembly.

Meanwhile, the project which is aimed at boosting wellness tourism in the State, has gained momentum with KINFRA identifying a qualified private partner for its initial phase. The project is to be completed in two phases at Thonnakkal and Varkala in Thiruvananthapuram district. KINFRA is holding discussions with the chosen firm and, if things go as per plan, an MoU (memoran-

dum of understanding) is expected to be signed to form a special purpose vehicle (SPV) which can run the project. The Centre of Excellence at Thonnakkal, which will comprise a 100-bed super specialty hospital and related components, including a digital library, an international academy and a finishing school for fresh graduates to develop their skills, is estimated to cost Rs. 32.5 crore.

"Of this, Rs. 10 crore each would be contributed by the State and Central Governments, and the balance amount of Rs. 12.5 crore would be borne by the private partner. We have already applied for the Central aid and will be sending a revised request to the Ministry of AYUSH soon for the grant of Rs. 10 crore under the 'Make in India' initiative," KINFRA MD Dr. G C Gopala Pillai said.

'KINFRA HELPING PROMOTE AYURVEDA'

KINFRA MD Dr. G C Gopala Pillai inaugurated the international business meet on Ayurveda held in connection with the recently concluded Global Ayurveda Festival - Kerala in Kozhikode.

Delegates from eight countries - Switzerland, Singapore, Germany, Sri Lanka, Poland, USA, UAE and Serbia - participated in the meet.

Speaking at the technical session, Dr. Pillai stressed the need for standardisation of treatment and drugs used for Ayurvedic treatment. "It is essential to promote Kerala as a global destination for sourcing Ayurvedic products and services of international standards," he said.

Dr. Pillai also explained the efforts taken by KINFRA towards this by highlighting the activities of CARE



KINFRA MD DR. G C GOPALA PILLAI INAUGURATING INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MEET
ON AYURVEDA AT RECENTLY-HELD GLOBAL AYURVEDA FESTIVAL IN KOZHIKODE

KERALAM Limited (Confederation for Ayurvedic Renaissance-Keralam Limited) - a public limited company established as a cluster of Ayurveda industries with the support of AYUSH Department, Government of India and equity partnership from Government of Kerala through KINFRA.

"CARE KERALAM provides infrastructure facilities for the use of Ayurvedic product manufacturers and service providers for standardization of Ayurvedic medicines," he said. Dr. J Muralidharan, Special Officer of KINFRA's Global Ayurveda Village, also attended.