

DEFENCE PARK: GOOD RESPONSE FROM INVESTORS

A team of Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA) officials took part in DEFTRONICS 2015, an aerospace, defence and internal security-focused event held in New Delhi, with the intention of roping in investors for the upcoming KINFRA Defence Park in Palakkad, Kerala.

The three-day event was organised by the India Electronics and Semi-conductor Association (IESA), the premier trade body representing the Indian Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) industry, at Pragati Maidan from September 9 to 11.

The KINFRA team led by its MD Dr. G C Gopala Pillai presented the investment opportunities at the park to be set up in 60 acres of land at Ottappalam in Palakkad district. Positioned as an industrial infrastructure facility catering to defence industry, which is the first-of-its-kind in the country, the Park has already got the Centre's approval. According to Dr. Pillai, the proposal got a thumping response at the event with more than a dozen business enquiries. "We are now waiting for the response from the investors," he said. KINFRA has projected the Park as a solution to India's quest for developing indigenous defence establishments. As per data, 50 per cent of India's military equipment is approaching obsolescence. With indigenous technologies far from being considered cutting edge and self sufficient, the country is heavily dependent on imports.

The output from the proposed



KINFRA MD DR. G C GOPALA PILLAI INTERACTING WITH DELEGATES



KINFRA MD DR. G C GOPALA PILLAI PRESENTING DEFENCE PARK PROJECT

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park can increase the indigenous production of defence equipment and components which will have a huge impact on the economy and self reliance in the defence sector.

The plan is to provide complete infrastructure facilities and create a modern Defence Park exclusively for defence equipment manufacturers with Central assistance under 'Modified Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation (MIIU)' scheme. The scheme is being implemented by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion.

KINFRA is offering single-window clearance for all State approvals, procedural support, exemption of lease registration and stamp duty, and joint exposure to national and international programmes that target the defence sector. Ideal for defence electronics, research and development, software, light manufacturing, training and simulation, and testing, the potential list of defence technologies include antennas, battle management, cyber security, radar, data links, telemetry and the like.

ONAM CELEBRATIONS AT KINFRA



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- 1 INDUSTRIES AND IT SECRETARY P H KURIEN IAS INAUGURATING THE ONAM CELEBRATIONS AT KINFRA HEADQUARTERS
- 2 KINFRA MD DR. G C GOPALA PILLAI PRESENTING TROPHY TO WINNERS OF POOKALAM CONTEST AT KINFRA SMALL INDUSTRIES PARK, KORATTY
- 3 DR. G C GOPALA PILLAI INAUGURATING ONAM CELEBRATIONS AT KINFRA HI-TECH PARK, KALAMASSERY
- 4 KINFRA EMPLOYEES PERFORMING 'THIRUVATHIRA' AT KINFRA HEADQUARTERS

KINFRA MD MEETS TAIPEI AMBASSADOR

KINFRA MD Dr. G C Gopala Pillai held discussions with officials of Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre in India regarding business and investment opportunities in KINFRA's Electronics Manufacturing Cluster in Kakkannad and Defence Park in Palakkad. Dr. Pillai interacted with Dr. Guann-Jyh Lee, Executive Director, Economic Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre in India, Isabel F. Y.Lo, vice Counsellor, Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre in India, James H C Chang, Director, Science and Technology Division,



DR. G C GOPALA PILLAI WITH OFFICIALS OF TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL CENTRE IN INDIA

Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre in India and Ambassador Chung Kwang Tien, Representative Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre in India in this regard.

Aimed at creating an industrial park with all modern facilities for the electronic manufacturing industry, KINFRA intends to develop an (EMC) Electronic Manufacturing Cluster of international standards at Kakkannad in Ernakulam district. The objective of the project is to attract investment to the State and to create employment opportunities at large. KINFRA's proposed Defence Park project at Ottappalam in Palakkad district will have modern common infrastructure facilities exclusive for the component manufacturers of defence industry.