

KINFRA LOOKING FOR MORE LAND TO SET UP IDZs

KINFRA, Kerala's industrial development accelerator, is gearing up for acquiring 3000 acres of land across the State to set up Industrial Development Zones (IDZs).

Dr. M Beena IAS, MD, KINFRA said the plan is to build IDZ in Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam, Kannur and Kozhikode districts. "KINFRA's aim is to make Kerala one of the most investment-friendly destinations in Asia," she said. Currently, KINFRA has around 3000 acres of land. By taking over another 3000 acres, KINFRA would become one of the largest land bank holders in Kerala. KINFRA has already identified around 2000 acres of land in various districts for the purpose.

Within the next three to four years, KINFRA plans to develop 10 industrial parks investing a whopping Rs. 1000 crore. Among them, the Rs. 231.35-crore KINFRA Defence Park, Palakkad, tagged as the first defence park in the public sector in India, is the major project. KINFRA has already obtained the



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is expecting a Central assistance of Rs. 50 crore. Of this, KINFRA has already received Rs. 15 crore.

The upcoming Mega Food Processing Park at Kanjikode in Palakkad, another major initiative of KINFRA, is estimated to employ about 4550 people by way of direct employment and benefit 12,880 people indirectly. The Rs. 119.02-crore project is approved by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI). The assistance sought from Ministry of Food Processing Industries is Rs. 50 crore for the Park which would be provided with

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'Final Approval' from the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion of the Union Government. The project is conceived as part of the 'Make in India-Make in Kerala' Scheme under the Modified Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (MIUS). The project

basic infrastructure and common facilities like water treatment plant, effluent treatment plant, quality control laboratories, cold storages, warehouses, process centers, etc.

Other projects include the Rs. 140-crore Electronics Manufacturing Cluster at Kakkanad,



KINFRA INDUSTRIAL PARK, MAZHUVANNUR, ERNAKULAM

Rs. 134-crore International Trade and Exhibition Centre in Kochi, Footwear Cluster at Ramanattukara, the Rs. 152.5-crore Global Ayurveda Village in Thiruvananthapuram, Food and Spices Park in Idukki and Gem and Jewellery Park at Puzhakkalpadam, Thrissur.

"Altogether, once materialised, these projects would create more than 10,000 direct employments in the State," Dr. Beena said.

Since its inception in 1993, KINFRA has successfully completed 22 theme-based Industrial Parks in Kerala in areas such as garments, infotainment, marine/seafood, rubber, exports, food processing, biotechnology etc.

This includes International Apparel Park in Thiruvananthapuram,



Export Promotion Industrial Park in Ernakulam, KINFRA Film & Video Park in Thiruvananthapuram and Food Processing Industrial Park at Malappuram.

KINFRA'S JV INITIATIVES

KINFRA has also developed Joint

Venture (JV) projects like Rubber Park (JV with Rubber Board) in Kochi, Seafood Processing Park (JV with MPEDA) in Alappuzha and Port and Container Terminal Services Private Limited (KPACT), Kottayam (JV with South Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry).

ONAM CELEBRATIONS



KINFRA EMPLOYEES CELEBRATE ONAM

Onam was celebrated with much fervour and merriment by KINFRA employees. Dr. M Beena IAS, MD, KINFRA inaugurated the Onam celebrations held at KINFRA's headquarters in Thiruvananthapuram and KINFRA Hi-Tech Park in Kalamassery by lighting the traditional lamp. Clad in traditional attire, KINFRA staff laid floral carpet (*Pookkalam*) on the office premises and had sumptuous *Onasadya*, as part of the celebrations.

