

STATE WOOS AEROSPACE, DEFENCE & SECURITY FIRMS



DEFTRONICS 2017, the international conference dedicated to promote the Indian Aerospace, Defence and Internal Security domains organised by India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA) in Hyderabad, witnessed Kerala PSUs hard selling the investment opportunities as well as infrastructure facilities in the State. Kerala was the Partner State for DEFTRONICS 2017, which focussed on the theme, 'Accelerating Self-reliance in Aerospace, Defence and Internal Security'.

A high-level delegation from Kerala comprising Wg. Cdr. K A Santhosh Kumar, MD, KINFRA; V R Balu, Manager, Business Develop-

ment & Marketing, KINFRA; T R Hemalatha, MD, KELTRON; Col. Shaji M Varghese, MD, Kerala Electrical and Allied Engineering Co. Pvt. Ltd. (KEL) and M K Sasikumar, MD, Steel and Industrial Forgings Ltd. (SIFL) attended the event.

In his presentation 'Defence Manufacturing: Kerala - Overview & Opportunities', KINFRA MD Santhosh Kumar highlighted the infrastructure facilities coming up at KINFRA Defence Park and KINFRA Electronics Manufacturing Cluster. The MD also touched upon the opportunities for private sector companies in collaborating with experienced State PSUs. The possibility of setting up a common

support facility centre for manufacturing units under the aerospace industry that cater to VSSC was also discussed.

Dr. Ajay Kumar IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and IT visited the Kerala Pavilion. The team held talks with major participants at DEFTRONICS 2017, including MosChip Semiconductor Technology, Hyderabad; Texas Instruments, Bengaluru; Kenra Technologies, Secunderabad; Lekha Wireless Solutions, Bengaluru; Smartrin Technology Labs, Hyderabad; Manjeera Digital Systems, Hyderabad; Flanders Investment & Trade, Bengaluru and Leaptch Corporation, Bengaluru.

N Sivasubramaniam, Project Director, Prithvi & Dhanush and Naval Anti-Ship Missiles, Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), visited the Kerala Pavilion. KINFRA officials said the senior scientist also evinced keen interest in associating with Kerala-based entrepreneurs having capabilities in the aerospace and defence sector.



ANNAPOORNA TASTES KERALA FARE

Senior officials from KINFRA attended the 12th edition of Annapoorna World of Food India, the international trade fair and conference for the food and beverage industry held in Mumbai recently. The event was inaugurated by Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Union Minister for Food Processing Industries. KINFRA, in association with KSIDC and K-BIP, sponsored the Kerala Pavilion. Twenty-three food processing companies from Kerala exhibited their products and capabilities at the pavilion. The companies included, Dinesh Foods, Peejay Agro Foods Pvt. Ltd., SatBions Food & Additives Pvt. Ltd., Abhaya Food Industries, Kozhikoden's Bakers & Exporters, Western India Cashew



Company Pvt. Ltd., Keratech Coconut Oil Manufacturing Co. Pvt. Ltd., Saico Spices, Milma and Kalady Rice Millers Consortium.

K N Satheesh IAS, Director of Industries was one of the three panel members in the seminar on 'Investment Opportunities in the Food Processing Sector & Unravelling Global Food Trade.' Wg. Cdr. K A

Santhosh Kumar, Managing Director, KINFRA made a presentation on 'Agro and Food Processing Sector of Kerala', highlighting the opportunities for investing in Kerala and the State's strengths in food processing. The event gave the Kerala delegation an opportunity to visit stalls set up by participants from various parts of the country as well as abroad displaying a diverse range of products and services. KINFRA officials, who highlighted the upcoming Mega Food Park at Palakkad, also held exclusive interactive sessions with business delegations from Czechoslovakia and Argentina. Dr. T Unnikrishnan, GM, KINFRA and Manu George, Food Division, KINFRA also attended.

ONAM CELEBRATION



WG. CDR. K A SANTHOSH KUMAR, MD, KINFRA, INAUGURATING ONAM CELEBRATIONS IN THIRUVANANTHAPURAM AND KINFRA HI-TECH PARK, KALAMASSERY



WG. CDR. K A SANTHOSH KUMAR FELICITATING K M ABRAHAM IAS, THE NEW CHIEF SECRETARY OF KERALA AND THE CHAIRMAN OF KINFRA, AT HIS OFFICE



(LEFT) CLAD IN TRADITIONAL KERALA ATTIRE, STAFF OF KINFRA HEADQUARTERS IN THIRUVANANTHAPURAM POSE FOR A SNAP AFTER LAYING THE FLORAL CARPET. (RIGHT) KINFRA MD WITH STAFF OF KINFRA HI-TECH PARK, KALAMASSERY