

KINFRA'S ROLE IN FOOD SECTOR HIGHLIGHTED

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) have jointly organised an event titled 'Food Processing Seminar: Destination Kerala' in Kochi recently, where the initiatives of KINFRA in the food sector were discussed. Wg. Cdr. K A Santhosh Kumar, Managing Director, KINFRA delivered the special address at the inaugural session. He also gave a detailed presentation on 'Food Parks in Kerala.'

Santhosh Kumar highlighted the pioneering efforts taken by KINFRA in the food sector. Kerala has been the first State to successfully implement the concept of 'Food Parks' in the country. It has to its credit five fully operational food parks, he said.

In addition, two new Mega Food Parks under the Mega Food Park Scheme of MoFPI are under implementation: one by KSIDC in Alappuzha and the other by KINFRA in Palakkad on 79 acres. KINFRA is also constructing common facilities that are specifically designed for



the food processing sector called 'Core facilities' or 'Core processing infrastructure'. Santhosh Kumar stressed the important features of Mega Food Parks and the proposed linkage with farmers. He also mentioned about the upcoming Food Park in Palakkad, which is expected to be operational soon.

The KINFRA MD also explained the incentives and schemes that companies can avail while starting business at KINFRA Parks.

An interactive session with Atul Saxena, Director, MoFPI was also held at the event. He made a detailed presentation on the Central Government scheme Pradhan Man-

tri Kisan Sampada Yojana (Scheme for agro marine products processing and development of agro processing clusters) with an allocation of funds to the tune of Rs. 6000 crore for implementation during the period 2016-20.

The other key speakers at the event were K V Shibu, Assistant Commissioner of Food Safety, Government of Kerala; Aju John Mathai, Director Projects, Vegetable & Fruit Promotion Council Kerala; Vinod Manjila, Managing Partner, Manjilas Food Tech Pvt. Ltd. and Dr. S Sajikumar, Chairman, CII Kerala State Council & Managing Director Dhathri Ayurveda Pvt. Ltd.

MoFPI DIRECTOR VISITS PALAKKAD KINFRA MEGA FOOD PARK



Atul Saxena, Director, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) visited the project site of KINFRA Mega Food Park at Palakkad recently. He inspected the progress of various components under KINFRA Mega Food Park project as per sanction accorded by MoFPI under the Mega Food Park Scheme. He held discussions with officials and team of contractors entrusted with execution of the project regarding various aspects. The Director also reviewed the overall implementation of the project and made sure that it is being completed as per schedule.

KERALA GOVT. UNVEILS NEW INDUSTRIAL POLICY

The new Industrial policy, drafted against the backdrop of the State's salient features, has suggested a slew of measures to bring about a change in the industrial scenario of Kerala. "Kerala has been witnessing a silent revolution in the industrial sector with a lot of far-sighted initiatives being adopted to make it one of the most industry-friendly states in the country," said A C Moideen, the State's Industries Minister. Private investors with at least 15 acres of land in urban areas and 25 acres in rural areas can seek the government's help to set up parks.



Also the policy allows construction of industrial parks in both government and private sectors under Private-Public-Partnership (PPP) model. Department of Industries will also take the initiative for establishing a logistic hub on 100 acres in Kochi. Apart from promoting utilisation of local resources and developing various industrial sectors, the policy also encourages NRIs, ex-servicemen, women and youth to set up industrial units.

TOM JOSE NEW KINFRA CHAIRMAN



TOM JOSE IAS, THE NEW CHIEF SECRETARY OF KERALA AND THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF KINFRA BEING GREETED BY WG. CDR. K A SANTHOSH KUMAR, MD, KINFRA AT THE CHIEF SECRETARY'S CHAMBER.

FIRE AND SAFETY ORIENTATION CAMP HELD

A fire and safety orientation camp and workshop were organised at KINFRA Textile Centre Kannur recently. The programmes were inaugurated by P Pavithran, Station Officer, Fire and Rescue, Taliparamba. He also conducted an orientation camp at the event. P Muraleedharan, Manager (Technical), KINFRA and Jeeva Anandan, MD, KINFRA International Apparel Park Ltd., were also present.



A 'FAMILY MEET' AT KINFRA FILM AND VIDEO PARK, KAZHAKKOOTTAM



WG. CDR. K A SANTHOSH KUMAR, MANAGING DIRECTOR, KINFRA, INAUGURATING THE FAMILY CLUB MEET, ORGANISED AT KINFRA FILM AND VIDEO PARK, KAZHAKKOOTTAM. CULTURAL PROGRAMMES BY KINFRA EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS WERE STAGED AT THE FUNCTION.



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