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KINFRA unveils 2014-'15 scenario for infrastructure development priorities in the State

KINFRA, the pioneering and flagship public sector undertaking, with an array of successful industrial parks across the State to its credit, has spelt out its target for fiscal 2014-'15, that involves up-gradation of the functioning industrial parks, as well as futuristic ventures to tame non-conventional and ecological sources to create unique entities based on modern concepts and practices.

Electronic Manufacturing Cluster (Greenfield Electronic Park)



The project which was launched in 2012 under the Department of IT, Govt. of India to create world-class infrastructure facilities for electronic system designing and production so as to attract entrepreneurs and investors, gets a grant-in-aid of Rs. 50 cr. from the Central Government. Seventy Five acres of land in KINFRA Industries Park, Kakkanad, Cochin is set aside for the project where export-oriented electronic products are to be manufactured. The cluster will be implemented as a PPP project.

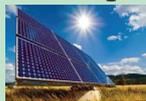
Up-gradation of functioning industrial parks



Under the Industrial Infrastructure Up-gradation Scheme (IIUS) of the Government of India, KINFRA Industrial Parks, currently functioning, will be upgraded to match state-of-the-art concepts. The Central Government will meet 75% of the cost with the State government contributing the remaining 25%.

Non-Conventional Energy Park Palakkad

On 50 acres from the land owned by KINFRA in



Kanjikode, Palakkad district, a non-conventional energy park is to be set up, with the specific purpose of establishing industrial units to harness non-conventional sources for energy generation.

Eco-Industrial Park Palakkad

The concept of the eco-industrial park is based on the cooperative efforts of various industrial units in an industrial park so as to reduce pollution to the maximum possible extent. Units in the park can pool assets such as water, power, basic infrastructure and natural resources, and put them to optimum use through sharing and exchange. Additionally, the industries involved can jointly devise ways and means to recycle and clean up the pollutants emanating from their units.

In Palakkad district KINFRA will utilize 650 acres of land to provide a platform for setting up such eco-friendly industrial units. Industrialists can join in as co-developers or avail land on lease, subject to KINFRA's norms and stipulations. Aid and assistance will be available from the Central Government's renewed IUU Scheme for the units in this park.

Global Ayurveda Village

Global Ayurveda Village, a project announced in Kerala's Annual Budget 2012-'13 is to be implemented in the PPP mode at an estimated cost of Rs. 193 cr. Stage-I of this unique project will be launched in Thonnackel, Trivandrum district shortly.



Industrial & Commercial Zones



KINFRA plans to establish large scale industrial & commercial zones in the metro cities of the State. Already, land required for the project has been identified and located in the cities of Trivandrum, Cochin and Kozhikode. Land thus earmarked will be declared as commercial zones, with clearance to conduct various industrial, commercial and mercantile operations. Plans are afoot to acquire about 2900 acres of land to kick start Stage-I of the project which will spread across the cities of Trivandrum, Cochin and Kozhikode, connecting these metros with their nearby cities and towns.

KINFRA Industrial Park Mattannur, Kannur



KINFRA plans to establish an industrial park in Mattannur in Kannur district on 150 acres of land already acquired. Development work will soon begin to create a model park with all basic infrastructure facilities for setting up industrial units.

Road and Water Supply scheme for Kakkanad industrial zone



With a view to pave classy roads so as to ensure highly efficient water supply to the many industries in the Kakkanad Industrial Zone, KINFRA plans to initially create a water supply scheme of 30 mld capacity for the area. As part of the scheme a 4-lane road of nearly 1.5 kms in length will also be laid connecting it to the Infopark-Seaport Express Highway.

Futuristic IT project in KINFRA Hi-Tech Park Celebrates Second Anniversary

Startup Village: Two years old and growing fast

Cochin: Inaugurating the second anniversary of the KINFRA Hi-Tech Park-based Startup Village here on April 25, 2014 Chief Minister of Kerala Sri. Oommen Chandy said that the Government of Kerala will sponsor the visit of at least 10 student entrepreneurs to the Silicon Valley this year as part of the SV Square program of Startup Village, and by August set up a permanent centre in the US to facilitate these visits.



"When the five students briefed the Cabinet after their return from the Silicon Valley last year, we saw the transformational power of this initiative," the Chief Minister said while speaking at the second anniversary celebrations of Startup Village here.

The level of support of entrepreneurship in Kerala is unparalleled in India, said the Chief Minister pointing out that all State departments have been instructed to set aside one per cent of their budget, collectively amounting to Rs 500 crore, solely to support entrepreneurial ventures.

The second anniversary celebrations held alongside Startup Village's monthly Community Gathering of hundreds of entrepreneurs was attended by Sri. Kris Gopalakrishnan, Executive Vice Chairman-Infosys & Chief Mentor-Startup Village, Sri. P.H Kurian, Principal Secretary-Industries & IT and Smt. Aruna Sundararajan, Managing Director-Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation.

Sri. Kurian said the Kerala's IT policy envisages creating 3,000 startups by 2020. "Startup Village which supports 600 firms currently, has already helped us achieve 20% of that goal," he said. "We are on course to meet our target maybe by 2018 and some of these companies will hopefully be by then the 'billion-dollar' firms we dream of."

He said the state government is planning to organise a meet of Kerala-based angel investors in the next couple of months to connect them to start-ups looking to raise capital. "There are plenty of individuals right here in Kerala who have the money and who are eager to back the next generation of entrepreneurs. We will bring them all on to one platform through the Kerala Zone Angel Investors meet." The state government is planning to organise a meet of Kerala-based angel investors in the next couple of months to connect them to start-ups looking to raise capital, Sri. Kurian pointed out. "There is plenty of individuals right here in Kerala who have the money and who are eager to back the next generation of entrepreneurs. We will bring them all on to one platform through the Kerala Zone Angel Investors meet."

Kris Gopalakrishnan lauded Startup Village as an initiative that was 'unique' in its concept. "What makes the Startup village different from other incubators in the country or around that world is that, for one, it has a very high proportion of students and youth. And secondly incubators in places like Silicon Valley are about the money, but Startup Village is a collective movement transforming the community and mindsets. There is a spirit of adventure and evangelism not seen anywhere in the world.

Smt. Aruna Sundararajan dubbed Startup Village 'one of the most positive things to come out of Kerala in a decade'. "The current wave of start-ups that Kerala is witnessing, signals a radical change in the deep-rooted cynicism of the people in the state."

Startup Village Chairman Sanjay Vijayakumar said one of the positives from Startup Village's rise as a global brand was the changing image of Kerala among investors. "People outside the state are often apprehensive about the viability of starting a business in Kerala. But we have proved it can be changed."

Sijo Kuruvilla George, the CEO of Startup Village gave an overview of the incubator's achievement in two years. The best performing companies at Startup Village were honoured on the occasion.