

**Kannur international Airport Project makes steady progress, with KINFRA as Nodal Agency**

## Ministers K. Babu, K.C. Joseph, K.P. Mohanan visit Kannur Airport site; hold Review Meeting



**Kannur:** Ports & Excise Minister Sri K. Babu, Ministers Sri K.C. Joseph and Sri K.P. Mohanan visited the proposed site of Kannur International Airport and participated in the review meeting. Sri K. Babu said that the government will take steps to clear apprehensions among people over land acquisition for the proposed greenfield road from Kannur to Mattannur, linking the district headquarters to the proposed Kannur international airport.

The Minister added that there was consensus among people's representatives and leaders who participated in the

review meeting, that the government should go ahead with the greenfield road project.

The proposal for development of the existing Melechovva-Mattannur road into a six-lane road had been given up because it was estimated

to cost a whopping Rs.1,000.12 crore, whereas the estimated cost of the proposed greenfield road was Rs.350.43 crore, he said.

The government would continue the previous government's rehabilitation package for land acquisition for the Kannur airport project for taking over land for the greenfield road.

This particular road was not meant to be an exclusive approach for airport users, he pointed out. Stating that the government was committed to accelerate the Kannur airport project, Sri Babu said the decision taken by the reconsti-

tuted board of Kannur International Airport Ltd. (KIAL) to entrust the project consultancy to the Airport Authority of India (AAI) and the work to prepare the environment impact assessment (EIA) to the Centre for Earth Science Studies (CESS) had exemplified the commitment.

He said that steps were now underway for expediting the handing over of the 485 hectares of land that had already been acquired by KINFRA to KIAL so that the company could begin the work for the runway. Share certificates had been issued to KSBC, KMML and KINFRA which have equity participation in the airport project.

The runway work would be completed in 2012 and the first phase of the airport project would be commissioned in

2014, the Minister said. KINFRA is the nodal agency for the project.

Besides the Ministers, Dist Collector, Sri Anand Singh, Sri Abdullakutty



MLA, Sri K.M. Shaji MLA, MD-KIAL Sri V. Thulasidas, MD-KINFRA Sri S. Ramnath, MD-KIAP Sri Krishnakumar, Senior Media Advisor-KINFRA Sri K.N. Srikumar, Senior Advisor-Land Matters Sri Viswambaran Nair, Advisor-Land Matters Sri K.V. Gangadharan, CEO-Kerala Road Fund Board Sri P.C. Harikesh and other officials participated.

### Pioneers in Progress

## NUALS-KINFRA partnership flourishes in Hi-Tech Park

When the KINFRA Hi-Tech Park in Kalamasserry, Cochin was conceived and land earmarked for projects to be set up, several high-value brands came forward to take advantage of the cost-effective infrastructure facilities offered



in the futuristic park. KINFRA's reputation of supporting and partnering with institutions and entrepreneurs in a mutually beneficial manner was the persuasive factor at play, and among them was

The National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), which had tentatively set up its Campus in a private building in Edappally, also in Cochin. With KINFRA offering 10 acres of land in the Hi-Tech Park to build its state-of-the-art Campus, NUALS joined in and constructed the edifice which was formally inaugurated by Sri Oommen Chandy, Hon'ble Chief Minister, on July 2, 2011, in the presence of



Union Minister Sri K.V. Thomas, Kerala State Ministers, Sri K.M. Mani, Sri P.K. Abdu Rabb, Sri V.K. Ebrahim Kunju, Vice Chancellor-NUALS, Dr. N.K. Jayakumar and MD-KINFRA Sri S. Ramnath. KINFRA's track record as a pioneering organisation in mentoring progressive entrepreneurs such as the The National University of Advanced Legal Studies to set up its Campus in Kerala speaks volumes on the immense opportunities offered for successful partnerships to strike roots and flourish in an investor-friendly environment.

## Addl. Chief Secretary (Industries) visits KINFRA Park Site in TPIL compound

**Kollam:** Additional Chief Secretary (Industries & IT) Sri T. Balakrishnan paid an inspection visit to the Travancore Plywood Industries Ltd. (TPIL) compound in Piravanthur, Kollam district, 65 acres of land from which has been transferred to KINFRA by the government for the development of an Industrial Park. In August 2010, the foundation stone for the KINFRA Industrial Park, Piravanthur was laid by the then-Minister, Industries, Sri Elamaram



Kareem. Photo above shows Sri Balakrishnan at the site, accompanied by Sri S. Ramnath, MD-KINFRA and Sri J. Krishnakumar, MD-KIAP.

## Team KINFRA's Run For Health!

That *Health is Wealth* is an accepted principle of life everywhere. However, in the scrambling race to create wealth, we often forget health, and sacrifice our physical and mental well being, often inadvertently.

A wake up call to remind their colleagues and associates of the need to stay fit through appropriate practices, a team of KINFRA employees organised a *Run For Health* campaign recently. Holding up a banner depicting the message and calling upon onlookers to imbibe the spirit, they sprinted from KINFRA Corporate Office in Sasthamangalam, Trivandrum to the Museum & Zoo compound in Palayam, proclaiming in the process that if there is a will, there is always time and facilities at your command to follow the right path. KINFRA's Run For Health attracted much attention and earned kudos for its sense of purpose and direction.



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