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The PMFME Food Tech Keralam 2026 Expo, a flagship initiative under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme, was successfully held from October 09 to 11, 2026 at the Jawaharlal Nehru International Stadium Ground at Kaloor in Kochi. The event was organized by the State Nodal Agency Kerala Bureau of Industrial Promotion (KBIP) on behalf of the Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Keralam in association with Cruz Expo to showcase the achievements and entrepreneurial spirit of Micro Food Processing Enterprises across the State.

The Expo was formally inaugurated on October 09, 2026 virtually by Shri. P.K.Kunhalikutty, Hon. Minister for Industries, Commerce, IT & AI, Government of Keralam. The inaugural session witnessed the presence of Senior Bureaucrats from Government of India & Government of Keralam, Industry Stakeholders, Banking Partners, District Nodal Officers (DNOs), District Resource Persons (DRPs), media representatives and hundreds of participating entrepreneurs.

PMFME Food Tech Keralam 2026 successfully featured Food Products of 105 PMFME Beneficiaries. It also facilitated B2B interactions, market linkages, technology demonstrations and networking opportunities, highlighting advanced processing technologies and innovative products from across the State. The event provided an integrated platform for Micro Food Processing Entrepreneurs, technology providers, consumers and industry stakeholders to engage in meaningful dialogue, showcase capabilities and explore avenues for sustainable business growth.

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implementation of PMFME Scheme. Keralam was honoured as the Best Performing State in the Medium Category for the implementation of the PMFME Scheme.

The recognition of Keralam in the successful implementation of PMFME Scheme is the result of the dedicated effort of all key stakeholders on the ground. To recognize these contributions, the Department of Industries & Commerce organised an Award Ceremony during the inaugural function. The Department honored outstanding performers across three categories:

- Top Five Performing Banks namely Canara Bank, State Bank of India, Kerala Grameena Bank, Union Bank of India, and The Kerala State Co-operative Bank (Kerala Bank) for their overall credit support under the Scheme.

- Nine Districts namely Wayanad, Idukki, Kozhikode, Pathanamthitta, Kasaragod, Thiruvananthapuram, Malappuram, Kannur, and Kollam for achieving 100% or more of their PMFME Targets in FY 2025-26.

- Top Five Best-performing DRPs (Shri. Saseendran B. - Palakkad, Shri. Devakumar N. - Kasaragod, Shri. Ramesh S.P. - Thiruvananthapuram, Shri. Mohamed Mikhddad K.T. - Malappuram Smt. Gayathri A.V.- Kozhikode) in the State evaluated on Loan Sanctions and Unit Formalisation on the ground.

The three-day exhibition featuring 105 stalls of PMFME beneficiaries, held from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily, was open to the public with free entry, allowing visitors from all walks of life to explore and engage with the vibrant showcase of Keralam's Food Processing Sector.











Inaugural key dignitaries

Shri. P.K. Kunhalikutty, Hon. Minister for Industries, Commerce, IT & AI, inaugurated the exhibition in a function presided over by Adv. Minimol V.K., Hon. Mayor of Cochin Corporation.

Shri. A.P.M. Mohammed Hanish IAS (Additional Chief Secretary, Industries Department), Shri. Minhaj Alam IAS (Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Department), Shri. Devesh Deval IAS (Joint Secretary, Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries), Shri. Praveen Kumar Vasantha Ramachandran (Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India), Shri. Arunava Sengupta (Deputy Secretary, Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries), Shri. V.S. Santosh (Convenor, SLBC-Kerala), Shri. Suraj S. (Chief Executive Officer, KBIP), Shri. Rajeev G. (Additional Director, Directorate of Industries & Commerce), Smt. Simi C.S. (Additional Director, Directorate of Industries & Commerce), Smt. Sheeba S. (Chief Executive Officer, KIED), Dr. Thomas Nechupadam (Chair, SICCI Kerala), Adv. Deepthi Mary Varghese (Councilor, Cochin Corporation), and Shri. Rakesh V.R. (General Manager, District Industries Centre, Ernakulam) attended and addressed the gathering during the inauguration function.

Award Ceremony Highlights

Awards were distributed during the inaugural ceremony to honor those who played a crucial role in helping Keralam secure National recognition for its stellar performance in implementing the PMFME Scheme. Nine District Industries Centres that achieved 100% or more of their PMFME targets for FY 2025-26, Top Five Best Performing District Resource Persons (DRPs) and Top Five Best Performing Banks namely Canara Bank, State Bank of India, Kerala Grameena Bank, Union Bank of India and Kerala Bank that provided exemplary credit support for the implementation of the scheme were honored at the inaugural venue.

Top Performing Banks

The awarded banks included:







केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

SBI

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KERALA BANK
Kerala State Co-operative Bank

Union Bank of India

Nine District Industries Centres (DICs) Achieving 100% and Above of PMFME Target

The awardees were:



Wayanad



Idukki



Pathanamthitta



Malappuram



Kassaragod



Kozhikode



Kollam



Kannur



Thiruvananthapuram

Top Performing District Resource Persons (DRPs)



Shri. Saseendran B
PMFME DRP, PALAKKAD



Shri. Devakumar N.
PMFME DRP, KASSARGOD



Shri. Ramesh S.P.
PMFME DRP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM



Shri. Mohammed Mikhddad K. T.
PMFME DRP, MALAPPURAM



Smt. Gayatri A. V.
PMFME DRP, KOZHIKODE

The Award Ceremony not only celebrated these key contributors, but also inspired continued excellence and collaboration in strengthening Keralam's micro food processing sector under the PMFME initiative.

Exhibition Overview

The Expo, which was the State's premier showcase of food processing and packaging technology, featured 105 stalls under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme. These stalls displayed a diverse range of innovative products from Keralam's own food processing entrepreneurs. The diversity on display in the exhibition reflected Keralam's rich food heritage, including Ready to Eat Items, Ready to Cook Items, Spices, Pickles, Baby Foods, Millet Products, Confectionery & Chocolates and Nutritional Mixtures manufactured from regional produce, etc.

Importantly, Food Tech Keralam 2026 also functioned as a robust B2B networking platform, fostering connections between food processing entrepreneurs and key industry stakeholders including suppliers, technology developers, institutional buyers, and policymakers. This dynamic interface supported knowledge exchange and partnership development, reinforcing the state's commitment to building a resilient and innovation-driven food processing sector.













Key Objectives of the Exhibition (Achieved)

1. Showcased the Products of Micro Food Processing Enterprises.
2. Facilitated market linkages and business networking.
3. Promoted awareness about the PMFME scheme.
4. Recognized stakeholders contributing to the successful implementation of PMFME in Keralam.
5. Inspired more micro entrepreneurs to formalize and expand their food processing businesses.

KBIP-Facilitated Participation

As part of its commitment to the PMFME scheme, KBIP facilitated the participation of 105 PMFME Beneficiaries from Keralam. These beneficiaries were provided with 105 fully converted air-conditioned stalls to showcase their food processing products and innovations during the exhibition.

The exhibition significantly benefited these Micro Entrepreneurs by providing them with opportunities for market exposure, buyer interactions, knowledge exchange, and potential scaling of their ventures.

Excellence of Keralam in PMFME Implementation

Keralam went beyond the target of giving assistance to 10,000 entrepreneurs set by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India. The Department of Industries & Commerce through KBIP facilitated assistance to 10,413 entrepreneurs covering Individual and Group Micro Food Processing Units. Keralam has also sanctioned a Grant-in-Aid Subsidy of Rs.243.45 Crores to 9080 beneficiaries.

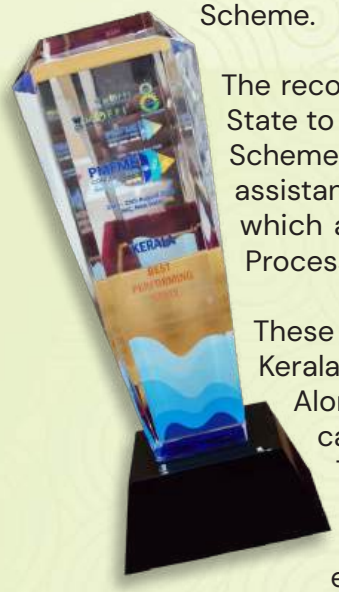
The State Government has also placed emphasis on inclusive entrepreneurship. Through the Kudumbashree Mission, seed capital assistance of Rs.19.60 Crores has been provided to 6,297 SHG members under the State Rural Livelihood Mission, while Rs. 3.90 Crores has been provided to 1,060 members under the State Urban Livelihood Mission. Keralam has also consistently exceeded the annual targets set under PMFME during the last three financial years, establishing itself among the Best-Performing States in the implementation of the Scheme.

The Common Incubation Facility established at the Agri Business Incubator of Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara, Thrissur is an important intervention in Keralam's PMFME journey. With an infrastructure of 8,485 square feet, the facility is designed to provide modern machinery, technical guidance, training and incubation support to more than 600 Micro Entrepreneurs annually.



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The recognition was given for the comprehensive support extended by the State to entrepreneurs in the Micro Food Processing Sector through PMFME Scheme. This includes assistance in preparation of DPR, credit linked subsidy assistance, skill development and seed capital assistance to SHG members, which are major components in upgrading and formalising Micro Food Processing Enterprises.

These achievements reflect the importance given by the Government of Keralam in MSME growth, especially in Micro Food Processing Enterprises. Along with financial assistance, State supports entrepreneurs through capacity building, technology adoption and improved market access. Thousands of beneficiaries, ranging from traditional food producers to emerging Food Tech Entrepreneurs are now better equipped to expand operations, enhance productivity and contribute to inclusive economic growth.