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### Graphene Investor Meet conducted at Kochi, Kerala on 26th September 2022





The Graphene Investors Summit was held in Kochi which is an important milestone for the state. Kerala has embarked on a journey to create a strong graphene ecosystem to make great strides in this area of the future. The aim is to use all possibilities from production to market interactions.

Kerala's aim is to maximize the potential of graphene. Graphene is abundant in nature. Kerala graphene policy, infrastructure support facilities, industry standards etc. were discussed as part of this conference. The state is gearing up to tap into the limitless opportunities of the wonder material called graphene. Graphene/Graphene & Related Materials (GRM) sector opens endless possibilities for Kerala for development of industries and responsible industrialization. Graphene is one of the thinnest and strongest materials ever discovered. Graphene can play a critical role in sustainably achieving the state's decarbonisation targets.

The one-day investor meet jointly organized by the Department of Industries, KSIDC and Digital University is a unique platform to showcase various initiatives. More than 90 Investors, academics, research and development experts and industrial partners participated.







#### State announces Draft Kerala Industrial Policy 2022

Kerala's new industrial policy will focus on upskilling the youth for future jobs, industries and technologies that are part of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and aligning the industrial sector with the state's vision of responsible and sustainable investments. The draft Industrial Policy for the period 2022-27 was announced on September 30. The policy focus is on key themes of Encouraging entrepreneurship, enabling infrastructure, creating more employment opportunities, maintaining the talent pool and ensuring balanced regional development. The new industrial policy will be released in January 2023. It will come into effect on April 1, 2023.



## State Conducted YUVA Boot Camp for Youth



Industries Minister P Rajeeve Inaugurated the two-day Yuva Boot Camp organised by the Industries department and the Kerala Institute for Entrepreneurship and Development. The government also planned to start various clubs in educational institutions to promote entrepreneurship.

A total of 39 teams of selected student entrepreneurs from various districts participated in the boot camp. An expo of products manufactured by the entrepreneurs and sessions on student and youth entrepreneurship was also organised as part of the camp. Finance Minister K.N. Balagopal presented the awards for the best new ventures at the valedictory function.

#### Four Private Industrial Estates Granted Permit

Private Industrial Estate Development Scheme envisages creation of more employment opportunity by way of developing areas/estate suitable in private land for the purpose of establishing more industrial enterprises across the state in an easy to do business environment. The state suffers from the scarcity of industrial land and the demand is soaring up.

The minimum extent of land for developing a Private Industrial Estate is 10 acres and for establishing a Standard Design Factory is five acres. The land proposed should not fall under ESA /CRZ/ / Paddy Land /Wet Land. Entities owning and possessing a minimum of 10 acres of land shall apply online to obtain the Private Industrial Estate Developer Permit. If the Private Industrial Estate is proposed in an extent of land above 15 acres exemption under KLR Act 1963 will be granted by Government.

Since the introduction of the scheme state has received 28 applications. The Directorate of Industries and Commerce shall verify the application and examine the feasibility of the site and the project and will submit the same to a high level committee comprising the Secretaries to Government of Industries, Finance, Revenue, Local Self Government, Water Resources, Power and Environment. The Committee shall dispose the applications within 30 days of receipt. Industries Department in Government shall issue Private Industrial Estate Developer Permit on getting approval of the Committee. The Financial assistance extended by Government will be 30 lakhs per acre subject to a maximum of Rs. 3 Crores towards building in Infrastructure Facilities such as electricity, water, transport facilities (road), drainage facility, ETP/CETP and Common Facilities.



# Trading units support the Kerala government's Year of Enterprises programme



The inclusion of trading units among micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) as part of the Year of Enterprises campaign by the State government to launch over one lakh new enterprises in 2022-23 has given a big boost to units registered since April 1 this year. According to available data, as many as 63,458 enterprises were registered this year, drawing nearly P4,000 crore in investments and generating 1,40,110 jobs. A total of 21,428 trading activities have been registered under the enterprises campaign, drawing P1,260 crore in investments and generating more than 40,000 jobs, according to government data.



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