Kerala IT Landscape

Department of Electronics and Information Technology
Government of Kerala

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Strategic Alignment

Perception Management & Brand Positioning
- High Power Committee
- Digital Advisory Board

Industry connect & Investments
- E-Governance & Digital Architecture
- Technology Adoption & Leveraging IT assets

Human capability building

ICT Infrastructure creation

Knowledge Society
IT parks – Status

- Total Land ~ 1500 acres
- Total IT built up space~ 1.6 Cr sq.ft
- 85000 direct employment in 25 years

Developments Planned

Target - 1 Cr sq.ft additional IT built up in 5 years

FY 2016-17 : 15 lakh sq.ft (Technopark – TCS – 3.7 L + Govt 0.3 L ; Infopark- Brigade- 4L, Govt - 4L, CyberPark -3L)

FY 2017-18 : 30 lakh sq.ft (Technopark-Infosys-7.9L ; Infopark- Brigade -4L, Lulu-14.6L, TAsia-3L)

FY 2018-19 : 5 lakh sq.ft (Technocity- Suntec-3.5L, Govt - 2L)

FY 2019-20 : 15 lakh sq.ft (Technopark- Taurus-9L, Carnival-3L ; Infopark- IBS-3L )

FY 2020-21 : 16 lakh sq.ft (Technopark – Govt 5L; Infopark- Govt 5L TBC 1 L ; Cyberpark – Govt building- 5L).

Co-developers planned 2021 : 40 lakh sq.ft ( Technopark – Taurus -10 L, Infopark- UST-6L, Muthoot -8L, Claysys-2 L, Tata Reality-6 L, Caspian-3 L, Tomar-3 L, Pi Data -2 L)

Total planned - 1.21 Cr sq.ft built up

Development status

- Export Revenue FY 2016-17 - 10,000 Cr (-16% YoY )
- Companies - 600 (+50 YoY )
- Employment - 85000 (+8K YoY)
- Total IT Buildings ( Govt / Co-Developer ) -33 (Technopark 21; Infopark 11; Cyberpark 2 ; SCK 1)

Smart City Kochi (SCK)

Smart City Kochi by 2021 will develop 66 lakh sq.ft out of the 88 lac planned in Frame Work Agreement. Total IT built up then cross 1.8 Cr sq.ft in 2016-21 ie we can double our existing IT built up space.
# Key Initiatives

- Synchronisation of all the three IT Govt Parks and promote ‘Kerala IT’ as a single entity. HPIC and DAC are created for the first time to Guide and CM IT fellows to support the Govt.

- Knowledge City initiated at Trivandrum to focus on emerging technologies like - Fintech, cyber security, Analytics etc. KPMG is identified as accrediting agency.

- Cyberpark identified to be promoted as Mobility hub of the state and partnered with IAMAI to start operations.

- Infopark & Innovation zone at Kochi will support IOT developments for Smart city initiatives.

- More focus on IT hub development to meet the changing industry scenario. 4 Hubs with Airport proximity viz, Trivandrum, Kochi, Calicut & Kannur. Kannur airport + Calicut will be new focus - Strategic alliances with international players like Hsinchu parks Taiwan for Infrastructure creation & start up acceleration. Need Govt support for new developments.

- Infopark Koratty with proximity to Kochi Intl airport, has large scope and more Govt land may be granted for IT development. (Vaiga threads property)

# Key Challenges

- MoEF clearance awaited for 7 projects by Co-Developers (critical to target achievement). Govt support needed, incase it exceeds beyond Dec 2017.

- Wet land / Paddy land conversion issue need immediate resolution, as big investors like Taurus is waiting to start as soon as resolved.

- LAR cases are mounting at Technopark and need Govt support to pay off over Rs 137 crores. Infopark has managed the same using Land leased premium.

- KMBR rule relaxation for car parking to match with Shops & Commercial establishments is an issue which Co-Developers are waiting, which needs immediate attention.
**Startup Mission - Curating a Startup Eco System**

A vibrant Eco system for Startups
- 757 Product Startups; 20 Incubators, 196 IEDC
- Around 100,000 sqft for incubation
- End to End Support for Startup Development
- Policy Support for incubation, funding, market connect;

**Key Initiatives Taken**
- Creation of Startup Mission and incubation facility at Trivandrum, Kochi and Kozhikode
- Startup Policy 2014 & 2017
- Focus on a Bottom Up Approach - Creation of a strong Pipeline of Startups
- Creating Knowledge Infrastructure - FAB labs and Future labs
- Promotion of entrepreneurship in colleges
- Incubators in Research Institutions

**Key Initiatives Planned**
- Augmenting own Incubation space to 500,000 sqft and developing another 500,000 sqft through participation of leading national and global accelerators
- Making funds available to startup in excess of Rs 1000 Crore
- Global Launch pads for startups to enhance international footprints
- Special emphasis on Startups promoted by Professional and native innovators
- Creating Incubators in Engg Colleges to give hands on training and knowledge enhancement

**Key Challenges**
- Lack of talent
- Introduction of industry relevant courses in Universities
- Financial support for high risk ventures

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KSITM-e-Enabling Governance

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IIITMK – Leading the Knowledge Revolution

Research and education centre of CUSAT offering courses and doing research in Cutting edge areas of Computer Science; Active in Development Projects in the State; Partner in E-Governance initiatives  
A larger campus is getting ready

Key Initiatives Taken

- Affiliation with CUSAT to offer specialised courses in cyber security, Data Analytics, Machine Learning and Geospatial Analytics
- Working with various Government departments and Agencies to take up innovative and impactful projects
- Construction of a 10 Acre campus in Technocity - 200,000 sqft
- Doubling Student Strength

Key Initiatives Planned

- University Status to IIITMK and gaining status of Institution of National Importance
- Completion of 10 Acre Residential campus
- At least 6 times enhancement of student strength
- Training Provider for State in Disruptive Technologies
- Collaboration with leading International Universities
- Setting up Knowledge city in Trivandrum with support of Industry, startups and key knowledge partners

Key Challenges

- Academic Autonomy - State University Status
- Non-Plan Support for Augmenting Human Resources
ICFOSS – The Alternative

A research institute primarily focusing on evangelising FOSS

Research and Training
Partner in E-Governance initiatives
Project delivery
Corporate collaboration

An international center for FOSS & Open technologies
Global collaboration and connection

2011

Key Initiatives Taken
• Trainings and Workshops on FOSS
• International Seminars and lectures

2017

Key Initiatives Taken
• Focus on Assistive Technologies
• Local sounding board for FOSS alternatives and connect to international community
• Local language computing
• Open hardware including IoT enablement
• Training on FOSS
• Assistance to FOSS initiatives
• FOSS based research and development

2022

Key Initiatives Planned

Key Challenges
• Nodal agency for FOSS enablement for Govt
• Campus creation
• Team building
ICT Academy of Kerala (ICTAK)

Incorporated as Not-for-Profit Company
Team on boarded and Operations Started
  In 2014 jun
  ASAP, KASE, KTU relationships
  Various Events for teachers and students

2013

Key Initiatives Taken

- 72 Member Institutions
- 5700+ Teachers Trained
- 22000+ Students Trained
- +IKM, KSITM relationships

2017

Key Initiatives Planned

- Single Point Organisation for all ICT Training needs in Higher education Segment
- ICT capacity building Projects in Major Govt. Depts. and Corporates

2022

Key Challenges

- Nodal agency for skill delivery in ICT space
- Acceptance of the PPP model

Our Shareholders

Bridging the Demand supply gap
- Dynamic interventions
  Skilling for Future technologies
Hardware Mission
Kerala State Electronics Development Corporation (KELTRON).
Looses manufacturing edge after 1980's

Key Challenges
- Demand aggregation
- PPP model
- Operational support
- Pilot projects
- Investment channelising

1st sector specific policy for ESDM
Approach to leverage consumption to drive industry
A nodal agency to coordinate the activities
formed “hardware Mission

1970's

Key Initiatives Taken
1. ESDM policy for the state
2. Detailed Report on 'Hardware Ecosystem Kerala' and way forward for mission with budget requirements for FY18-19
3. IESA International Desk set up
4. Participation in Titronics and India Taiwan Summit 2017
5. Intel Inside Project (Laptop and Server Assembly) MoU signed
6. EV projects

2017

Key Initiatives Planned
1. Hardware manufacturing unit – Keltron JV
2. Investments through IESA desk
3. Design and testing facility
4. Conversion of KAL line to a EV line
5. Relocation support to manufacturing
6. Hub for power electronics
7. Revival of Keltron in IT hardware
8. IoT CoE

2022
Policy Impetus needed

- Digital University (IIITMK)
- International Tieups and collaboration
- Change in delivery

- Strategic alliances with international players
- Infrastructure creation
- Startup Acceleration
- Demand Aggregation
- Brand Repositioning

- Digital Government
  - Data sharing
  - Interoperability of systems
  - Realigning of agencies (KELTON K etc)
  - Challenges in alignment with central policies (Aadhaar, DBT etc)

- Shared telecom Towers
- PPP Models for development

- Capability
- Industry
- E-Gov
- ICT Infra
Funding
- Budget allocation
- Fund Release
- Innovative funding models

Regulatory
- Ease of Doing Business
- Institutional Mechanisms

Future Focus
- Adoption of future technologies
- Creation of CoEs on nomination

Promotion
- Re-positioning Brand Kerala

Operational Hurdles
Knowledge Society:

Knowledge generation
- CoEs,
- Collaborative research
Channels for dissemination
- Learning content updation
- Learning delivery
Avenues for Consumption
- Early market
- Co-creation / pilots
Opportunities for Commercialization
- International connects
- State as a brand
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