

INVESTMENT GUIDE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow:
Your Gateway to Business Growth in Kerala





1. Welcome to Thiruvananthapuram

At the southern tip of India, where the tranquil backwaters meet the rolling expanse of the Arabian Sea, lies Thiruvananthapuram—a city that seamlessly bridges its regal heritage with an ambitious, forward-looking future. Long revered as the cultural and administrative heart of Kerala, the capital is undergoing a quiet yet profound evolution. Today, it stands not merely as the seat of government, but as a vibrant sanctuary for innovation, sustainable industry, and global trade.

What makes Thiruvananthapuram uniquely compelling for the modern investor is its rare harmony of scale and liveability. Here, world-class research institutes and high-tech parks sit comfortably alongside bustling traditional marketplaces and serene green avenues. Powered by the landmark Vizhinjam International Deepwater Seaport, a seamlessly connected international airport, and a deeply educated, forward-thinking populace, the district offers a fertile ecosystem where bold entrepreneurial ideas can put down roots and flourish on the world stage.

Whether you are a local entrepreneur nurturing a homegrown venture or an international business looking for a strategic foothold in South Asia, Thiruvananthapuram invites you to be part of its next great chapter.



2. Why Invest Here? Key Strengths

Seamless Connections (Logistics): Reach national and global markets easily via well-connected roads, railways, the Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, and the deep-water Vizhinjam International Seaport.

Rich Natural Resources:

- **Agricultural Goods:** Easy access to coconut, rubber, tapioca, jackfruit, banana, and bamboo.
- **Industrial Raw Materials:** Abundant supplies of china clay, laterite soil, minerals (ilmenite and sulphur), scrap iron, polymer materials, and piped natural gas (PNG).

3. Ready-to-Use Business Spaces (Industrial Infrastructure)

The district offers dedicated industrial areas equipped with basic utilities so you can set up operations quickly:

A. DIC Industrial Development Areas

- Manvila
- Veli

B. KINFRA Parks

- KINFRA International Apparel Park (Menamkulam)
- KINFRA Film & Video Park (Chanthavila, Kazhakkootam)
- KINFRA Mini Industrial Park (Thonnakkal)

C. KSIDC Life Sciences Hub

- Bio 360 Life Sciences Park (Thonnakkal)

D. SIDCO & Mini Industrial Estates

- **SIDCO Estates:** Pappanamcode and Travancore Titanium Products Limited area.
- **Local Mini Estates:** Located at Kadinamkulam, Kaniyapuram, Marukil, Chemmaruthy, Uzhamalakal, and Killi.

4. Research, Technology & Innovation Hubs

Setting up your business here means you have direct access to cutting-edge technology and research support:



Space & High-End Engineering: VSSC (Thumba), LPSC (Vattiyoorkavu), and IIST (Valiyamala).



Biotech, Healthcare & Medical Devices: Sree Chitra Institute (SCTIMST), Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCBI), and Bio 360 Park.



IT, AI & Digital Tech: Digital University Kerala and C-DAC (Vellayambalam).



Agriculture & Food Technology: CSIR-IIIST (Pappanamcode), KVK Mitraniketan (Vellanad), Coconut Research Centre (Kattachalkuzhi), Tropical Botanical Garden (Palode), and Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research (Palode).



Science & Technical Universities: IISER (Vithura) and APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University.



Energy & Animal Health: Energy Management Centre (Pattom) and Institute of Animal Health (Palode).

5. Skilled Talent Pool

Finding the right workforce is easy, thanks to leading educational and vocational institutions:

Engineering & Technical Colleges: College of Engineering Trivandrum (CET), GEC Barton Hill, Central Polytechnic College (Vattiyoorkavu), and Govt. Polytechnic College (Attingal).

Skill Development Centers: Government and private ITIs across Aryanad, Chackai, Attingal, Kazhakkootam, and Dhanuvachapuram, along with the ASAP Community Skill Park (Kazhakkootam) and National Skill Training Institute for Women.

6. Case Studies & Best Practices Repository

Thiruvananthapuram is already home to inspiring models of sustainable innovation, traditional craft revival, and successful MSME initiatives. These proven case studies demonstrate the district's potential across diverse sectors and can be replicated by new entrepreneurs:

A. Sustainable & Agri-Value Addition Models

Mushroom Village Project (Agriculture Dept.): A village-level ecosystem in Vellanad Block focusing on mushroom cultivation and value-added product processing.

(Replicable | Contact: Chandra Lekha – 8129916727)

Organic Waste Utilization (Dairy Dept.): A practical circular-economy project focused on drying and grinding cow dung for organic processing in Athiyanoor.

(Replicable | Contact: Sindhu Deo – 9400831831)

B. Food Processing & Value Addition Successes

Amulyam Foods (Kilimanoor Block): A community-driven unit that processes local turmeric, paddy, banana, and arrowroot into hygienic value-added products, generating direct employment for 8 women.

(Replicable | Contact: Sheeja – 9744510263)

SS Food Vogue & Curry Powders: A successful self-employment scheme initiative that converts locally sourced agricultural produce into commercial food products

(Replicable | Contact: Sheeja – 9400926858)

Thejus Food Products: An established local brand offering health mixes, millet products, biryani kits, and payasam mixes marketed state-wide.

(Replicable)



C. Heritage Weaving & Specialized Clusters

Balaramapuram & Kalamachal Handloom Clusters: Historically renowned weaving hubs producing world-famous Kerala Kasavu sarees, set-mundus, and traditional textiles.

(Replicable | Contact: S. Santhosh – 9847666231)

Kochuveli Pappad Cluster: A specialized raw-material processing cluster currently under construction at IDA Kochuveli to support local food manufacturers.

D. Niche Manufacturing & Women Entrepreneurship

Kerala Aquarium: An award-winning enterprise led by a woman entrepreneur, offering aquarium manufacturing, plant tissue culture, and livestock maintenance

(Replicable | Contact: Dhanyasree Mohan – 9400194428)



Dhakshinamurthy Aromatics: A growing venture specializing in high-quality aromatic oils and derivative products.

(Replicable | Contact: Biju K – 9544528218)

AA Plastics: A regional packaging manufacturer supplying HDPE/PET bottles and jars to the FMCG, beverage, and pharma sectors across Kerala.

(Replicable | Contact: Asokan – 9447023484)

7. Expert Guidance & Panel Support

Need help getting started? A team of empaneled experts is available to help you navigate approvals, funding, and technical setups:

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8. Industry Bodies & Business Associations

You can also connect directly with local business organizations for advice and peer networking:

KSSIA (Small Scale Industries):

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