



Vision

I have much pleasure to note that this government has taken some revolutionary decisions and steps to quicken the developmental process of the State with healing measures wherever needed. The government gave top priority to implement people oriented programmes and employment generating schemes, besides initiative of myriad development projects. Today, the State is well set for an all embracing development. The most remarkable effort of this government is that it put up a strong wall of resistance against devastating neo-liberal economic policies and formulated an alternative package to be implemented in the state. It is high time one should seriously and sincerely think of why India or Kerala is spared without sustaining major injuries in these days of frightening global economic recession.

While completing three years of its term, the LDF Government is triumphantly closer to its destination. At this crucial point of time, it has had much to say and to be proud of. One can not forget that this government started its journey from nothingness. The previous government, which was maniacally enthusiastic to implement the globalisation agenda of the Union Government, disregarded the core sectors of the State, basic needs of the vulnerable sections of the society and shattered hopes of the people in all walks of life.

I assert that the Government will not shy away from fulfilling its commitments and will exert every possible effort to propel the State to newer heights in the coming years. I also feel that this government has laid a strong foundation to build a new Kerala and to brighten the prospects of the millions of people.

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Legal Backing for Leading Kerala

LAW Department

Highlights

Appointed Law Reforms Commission with Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer as its chairman to reform or delete outdated or ineffective laws, or to recommend new ones in tandem with the social developments and changed circumstances

surging in the State. The Commission has submitted its report to government. The government will implement the recommendation of the Commission in consultation with the concerned civic bodies and people's representatives and

after necessary modifications.

Acknowledging its importance, the Law Department, which plays a key role in giving advice to the Government and supervising its cases especially in inter state

New Spirit in Sports

One can view an awakening today in the sports sector, a traditionally neglected sector, owing to the gargantuan efforts made by this Government. The followings are the main features:

1. The Government appointed Sports Commission with A.K. Pandya as Chairman to study and report the issues in the sports sector of the State. The Commission has submitted its interim report.
2. Kerala is the first State which has a comprehensive law relating to sports administration. Even though, the

Act was passed in 2000, it has not been implemented. The present government implemented the Sports Act and reconstituted Kerala State Sports Council and Sports Councils in all districts through democratic process. Now the Kerala State Sports Council extends its function to the grass root level of the State i.e., Grama Panchayath.

3. The major allegation of the sports fraternity raised against the government is that it has no effective



scheme for providing employment to the outstanding sports persons and to retain those who leave our State for taking job. Considering this, this government enhanced the number of sports quota appointment from 20 to 50 and restarted the sports quota appointment in police department, which constitutes a major chunk of the appointment of sports persons in the state.

4. After 1987, Kerala did not get the opportunity to host the National Games. But now, with the concerted efforts and pressures of State Government and sports fraternity, Kerala won the venue to host National Games 2010, which will bring tremendous change in the sports scenario of the State.

5. This government introduced Vision India Project in 7 districts @ 8 school per district for giving scientific training in football game. At the first phase, 2200 students will get its benefit.

6. The Total Physical Fitness programme is another remarkable initiative of the Government. It is a scientifically designed physically fitness programme to make the whole people of the State Physically strong and fit. As the first stage of its implementation, it has been introduced in all aided / government / CBSE / ICSE schools to sustain physical fitness of the students ranging from 5th to 12th standard. The scheme will cover about 40 lakhs students.

Parliamentary Affairs

The Government re-constituted the Institute of Parliamentary Affairs, initiated series of memorial lectures in honour of great persons in the field of Parliamentary Democracy, conducted training to Legal Officers in Law Departments in legal drafting and transaction, Orientation Programme for the MLAs and Model Parliament for students in schools and colleges. It also organised an international debate on 'Lok Sabha election 2009 context and prospectus' and a national seminar on 'State and Society in South India'.

disputes and contentious domestic issues in different courts and ensuring good governance to the people, has been fully modernised with IT facilities.

Introduced online monitoring system for effective intervention of the Government in all relevant cases linking it with other

legal offices in the State and Centre for the first time of its kind in the country.

For the first time in the legal history of the country, it is this government that published a policy document on IPR policy after a series of discussions, consultations and seminars with experts in the country

and abroad in the field. A legislation to this effect will be made soon.

Introduced Medi – claim for Advocate Clerks. Thousands of advocate clerks will get its benefits.

Set up 764 litigent benches at the cost of Rs. 75 lakh in all courts in the State.

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7. Physical education is inevitable for a healthy mode of life. A healthy mind exists only in a healthy body. Bearing this fact in mind, the government imparted physical education in school curriculum from class 1 – 12.

8. This government

conducted Keralotsavam in the last three years with earnest efforts and with variety of programmes and made it a grand festival from village level to state level.

9. Youth Forum, which is conducted every year, is a get together of all educated and unemployed youths in

the State. The Youth Forum staged in 2007 and 2008 attracted thousands of youths and became a great success. A number of IT companies and other firms took part in the venture to recruit skilled persons and professionals. So far, it facilitated job opportunities

to 682 youths.

10. Yuvasakthi is another innovative scheme for the youths, that the government have formulated to encourage their spirit of adventure, skill of leadership and render social services in times of disasters, floods and epidemics. It is implemented

Aviation Sector

The Government revamped and reorganised the Rajiv Gandhi Academy for Aviation Technology (RGAAT) in Thiruvananthapuram, which was in a deadlock for

more than five years up to 2006 and Purchased 3 Cessna Air crafts. It started flying training to 26 persons.

The developmental works of Thiruvananthapuram International Airport have been initiated with an estimate of Rs.550 crore. It is proposed to be shifted to

Chakai, with four aerobridges. It is very near to the National Highway. It will be completed soon.

The land acquisition works of Kannur and Kozhikkode Airports after including under fast track are in progress- 2000 acres will be acquired for Kannur Airport and 137 acres for Kozhikkode Airport.

Railway

In the Railway sector, this government could make noticeable changes in the State. With the frequent efforts and pressures of the State government and the MPs from the state, we could earn more

achievements in the last two railway budgets. The State could achieve Railway Coach Factory at Palakkad and a Wagon Factory at Alappuzha. Further, EMU car shed at Kollam, the broad gauge line at Kollam – Punalur route and quickening the activities of doubling of lines, new train services are some other achievements we could bag. The State Government has constituted a Railway Monitoring Committee including MPs for monitoring the railway developments for the first time in the State.

Kochi Metro

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with the co-operation of labour, education and local self-government departments.

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11. The Government have chalked out many programmes to create basic facilities for sports in the State. For this purpose, a scheme has been launched to make a mini stadium / swimming pool in every panchayath. Around Rs. 13 crore has been distributed to the selected panchayaths for this same during this period

12. The Government have completed the first phase of the work of High Altitude Training Centre at Munnar, at the cost of Rs.7 crore and dedicated to the country. It is now one and only state-

of-the-art sports training centre in the country. In terms of its location, it is third one in the world. The Government is planning to appoint foreign coaches for training in this centre.

13. This government decided to make two synthetic tracks in the state, one at Kochi and the other at Thiruvananthapuram. The synthetic track at Maharaja's College ground at Kochi at an estimate of Rs.4.7 crore has been completed and dedicated to the country. The synthetic track in the University Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram is also completed.

14. The Government have renovated Jimmy George Indoor Stadium with modern facilities. The works of Aquatic complex, Pirappancode and district sports complex, Attingal are in progress.

considering the implementation of Kochi Metro Railway Project on DMRC Model. The task is entrusted with Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC).

Port

Vizhinjam Project

The decks of Vizhinjam port, the dream project of the State, are cleared at present and it will become a reality soon.

Renovation of small ports

This government took efforts to develop Kollam (Thankassery), Alappuzha, Ponnani, Beypore and Azhikkal Ports.

Maritime Development Corporation

The Maritime Development Corporation, which was under the threat of lock out, is renovated and made profitable. Efforts are also made to set up Maritime Institute each at Thiruvananthapuram and Manjeswaram, which will be materialised soon.

Shipyard at Poovar

The government is planning to establish a shipyard of International standards at Poovar on West Coast for which a proposal has been submitted to the Central Government.

Programmes to be taken up in 09 – 10

- As part of the National Games 2010, a Sports Village in Thiruvananthapuram, a stadium in Kerala University Kariyavattom Campus and an indoor stadium at Govt. Polytechnic College ground, Vattiyoorkavu will be setup.
- Construction of Indoor stadium at Kollam
- Construction of new swimming pool at Jimmy George Indoor Stadium, Vellayambalam, Thiruvananthapuram.
- Construction of Mavoor Velodrome
- Renovation of Calicut Corporation Stadium
- Renovation of Calicut Medical College ground
- Setting up Punnamada lake Pavilion
- Construction of stadium in St. George Mar Basil School in Kothamangalam
- Construction of new track and building in Sports Hostel, Kannur.
- Renovation of Alappuzha Stadium
- Setting up Football Academy, Malappuram
- Setting up two new air strips in Idukki and Wayanad
- Renovation of Central Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram
- Setting up Kerala Rail Development Corporation (KRDC)
- Completion of Railway Over Bridge at Nandi, Muzhappilangad, Koratti, Athai, Bekkal, Victoria College, Sulthan pettah, Palakkad, Kadukkamkunnu, Palleppady.
- Completion of Pirappancode Swimming Pool
- Completion of Attingal Sports Complex
- Revamping of Kollam, Beypore, Azheekkal, Ponnani ports.

