



K-DISC 2018

**Inaugural event of
The Kerala Development and
Innovation Strategic Council**

March 24, 2018

Kanakakunnu Palace

Thiruvananthapuram



**Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan
Hon'ble Chief Minister of
Kerala**

Dear Sir/Madam

It is with great pleasure that we are inviting you to the inaugural event of the KERALA DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION STRATEGIC COUNCIL (K-DISC).

K-DISC is a newly constituted Council with twin tracks in its objectives – the Development and the Innovation tracks. On the first track, the Council has been given the responsibility of carving out frontier areas in technology, infrastructure, finance, agriculture, healthcare etc. and translating them into workable strategies for implementation within Government. On the second track, K-DISC is expected to nurture and foster an innovation ecosystem in the State – identifying innovative ideas as well as innovators and providing them a congenial environment to move forward.

Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala has kindly consented to deliver the inaugural address. On this occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister will dedicate the YOUNG INNOVATORS PROGRAMME (YIP) to the innovative spirit in the youth of Kerala. YIP will provide a planned framework for nurturing an innovation ecosystem in the State.

The inaugural session will be followed by two technical sessions in which eminent scientists and technocrats will participate.

We look forward to your esteemed presence and support for K-DISC 2018.

Dr. K. M. Abraham
Chairman (K-DISC)

Smt. Sharmila Joseph IAS
Secretary to Government of Kerala
(Planning & Economic Affairs)

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Inaugural Session

(10.00 am to 11.30 am)

Welcome and Overview of K-DISC	:	Dr. K.M. Abraham Chairman, K-DISC
Presidential Address:		Sri. K. Muraleedharan, Hon'ble MLA

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Declaration of launch of K-DISC & Launch of Young Innovators Programme

**Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan,
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Kerala.**

Key Note Address:	Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Hon'ble Member of Parliament
Special Addresses:	Shri. V. K. Ramachandran, Vice Chairman State Planning Board & Member, Board of Governors, K-DISC Dr. Anil Gupta, Chairman, National Innovation Foundation
Felicitations:	Shri. Paul Antony, Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala Dr. Suresh Das Executive Vice President, Kerala State Science and Technology Council & Ex-officio Principal Secretary Sri. M. Sivasankar IAS Secretary (Electronics and Information Technology)
Thematic Addresses:	<i>Strengthening the Entrepreneurship Ecosystem</i> Sri. Shibulal S, Chairman, Axilor Ventures & Member, Board of Governors, K-DISC <i>Investment Opportunities in Kerala</i> Sri. Shyam Srinivasan, CEO and Managing Director, Federal Bank & Member, Board of Governors, K-DISC <i>Nanosciences and Advanced Materials – Potential and Challenges</i> Dr. Ajayan Pulickel. Professor, Rice University & Member, Board of Governors, K-DISC <i>Innovation and Development: Routes to Sustainability</i> Dr. K. M. Abraham, Principal, E-KEM Sciences, & Member, Board of Governors, K-DISC
Vote of Thanks:	Dr. Sharmila Joseph IAS, Secretary (Planning & Economic Affairs)

Technical Sessions

TS-1	(11-1 a.m.):	Blockchain Competency Development Programme. LUNCH BREAK
TS-2	(2-3:30 p.m.):	Making Kerala a Medical Devices Hub

Exhibits Display of Innovation (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)