



## Chief Minister lays foundation stone for IIITM-K Campus in Technocity



Sri. V. S. Achuthanandan, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala unveiled the Foundation Stone for the Technocity campus of the Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management (IIITM-K), at 10.00 AM on Thursday, the 17th February 2011 at the Travancore Hall, Park Centre, Technopark.

### Press conference

Mr. S Gopalakrishnan (Kris), CEO and Managing Director of Infosys & Chairman, Board of Directors, along with Dr. Elizabeth Sherly, Director, IIITM-K, Dr. Krishnakumar, Professor, IIM Lucknow, Mr. Ramachandran, Rtd Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala addressed a press conference on 16th February 2011, in connection with the Foundation Stone unveiling ceremony of new campus at Technocity. In reply to the questions

to media, they briefed about the future plans of IIITM-K. The new residential campus at IIITM-K will focus on creation of a knowledge driven society with the theme of Information System Management and High Performance Computing. There will be academic blocks of advanced facilities, State of the art laboratories, separate hostel for girls and boys, staff quarters, and other amenities like bank, clinic, club, shopping centre, play ground etc. The four schools and the post graduate courses, current strength of students and future strength of students were on discussion. Director has informed that by 2013, the student strength will increase to 1000.

**IIITM-K Faculty returns from professorship assignment in Germany**  
Dr. R. Jaishanker, Asst. Prof, IIITM-K returns after his visiting professorship assignment at University of Applied Sciences, Germany. He also had discussions with international Masters students and guided them on their research topics.

**IIITM-K student awarded research fellowship**  
Ms. Arathyram R.S, student, M.Phil Ecological Informatics has been awarded research fellowship by the National Remote Sensing Centre, ISRO, Hyderabad.

**Poster presentation by visiting German student at Kerala Science Congress**  
Mr. Joahnes Abele from Hochschule fur Technik, Stuttgart University, Germany under student exchange programme at IIITM-K made a poster presentation on Web Harvesting Near Real Time Weather Database And Implementation of Weather Module For Kerala Framework at the 23rd Kerala Science Congress held between 29-31 Jan. 2011, at Trivandrum.

als working in Kerala also saw a huge increase over the last five years.

Sri. M. A. Vaheed, MLA presided over the function. Sri. S. Gopalakrishnan (Kris), CEO and MD of Infosys and Chairman, Board of Directors, IIITM-K delivered Keynote address and Dr. Ramachandran Thekkedath, Vice Chan-



cellor, CUSAT and Sri. Mervin Alexander, CEO, Technopark offered felicitations. Dr. Elizabeth Sherly, Director (i/c), IIITM-K welcomed the gathering and Dr. CSP Iyer, Emeritus Professor proposed vote of thanks.

IIITM-K is presently operating from its centrally air conditioned 13,000 sq. ft. space in the Nila Building of Technopark. IIITM-K's own campus of 35,000 sq. ft area building is nearing completion within the Technopark campus. The new campus coming up in 10

acres of land in Technocity will have academic blocks of advanced facilities, State of the art laboratories, separate hostel for girls and boys, staff quarters, and other amenities like bank, clinic, club, shopping centre, play ground etc. IIITM-K has been in existence for over a decade without a full-fledged campus; which is now becoming a reality. IIITM-K is marching forward to become a national level centre of excellence and a full-fledged degree granting institution.

### Invited Talks & Publications

**Dr.C.S.P.Iyer**, Emeritus Professor, IIITM-K inaugurated the program on *Promotion of Excellence among Gifted Students* organised by Directorate of Public Instructions at University College, Trivandrum on 12th February. In order to motivate the students to strive for excellence in Science, Dr.Iyer during his talk illustrated the contributions made by Indian Scientists right from Sir C.V.Raman to Dr. Venkatraman Ramakrishnan.

**Dr.C.S.P.Iyer**, Emeritus Professor, IIITM-K presided over a seminar on *Corporate social responsibility in Organic Farming and Safe Food*, organized by CISSA, NABARD and the Living Foundation at the Taj Intercontinental, Trivandrum on 12th February. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Iyer highlighted that due to indiscriminate use of fertilizers and pesticides, the soil quality has deteriorated and food has become unsafe for use. In the context, he said that it is necessary to revive the traditional methods of farming and also improve the manufacture and use of Biofertilizers and Biopesticides.

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### Visitors

A delegation from infoDev, World Bank along with Technopark officials visited IIITM-K on 14 February 2011. Dr. Elizabeth Sherly, Director, IIITM-K introduced the Academic and Research activities of the Institute.

