

Post Budget  
**INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION ON**  
**Transforming Kerala to a Knowledge Economy**



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Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021, 11.00 am-09.30 pm (IST)

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**You are cordially invited**

**Join Zoom Meeting**  
**Meeting ID: 971 9838 0856 Passcode: 2020**

## **INAUGURAL SESSION**

**11:00 am – 12:30pm (IST)**

- Welcome** : **Prof K J Joseph**  
Director, GIFT & President, GLOBELICS.
- Chair** : **Prof T M Thomas Isaac**  
Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of Kerala
- Inauguration** : **Shri Pinarayi Vijayan**  
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Kerala
- Chief Guest** : **Prof Bengt Åke Lundvall**  
Professor Emeritus,  
Aalborg University Business School, Denmark &  
Founder GLOBELICS (6:30 am)
- Key Note Address** : **Prof V K Ramachandran**  
Vice-Chairman, State Planning Board,  
Government of Kerala
- Special Address** : **Dr K M Abraham**  
Chairman, Kerala Development and Innovation  
Strategic Council (K- DISC)
- Shri Deepu Zacharia**  
Joint Secretary  
Group of Technology Companies  
(GTECH), Kerala
- Vote of Thanks** : **Shri Mohammed Y Safirulla IAS**  
Additional Secretary, Electronics & Information  
Technology Department

Session 1:

# Infrastructure for the Knowledge Economy



1.30 pm – 3.30 pm (IST)

**Chair :** **Shri S Somanath**

Director, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)

## Presentation

**1. Design and Vision of Kerala-Fibre Optic Network (K-FON)**

**Dr Jayasankar Prasad**, Managing Director, Kerala State Information Technology Infrastructure Ltd (KSITIL)

**Mr Santosh Soman**, Implementation head, BEL

**2. A vision for Electronics Systems Design and Manufacturing**

**Ms T R Hemalatha**, Managing Director, Kerala State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd

## Experts Feedback

**1. Prof Keun Lee**

Director, Center for Economic Catch-up, Seoul National University, South Korea & Vice Chairman, Presidents Economic Advisory Council (5:00 pm)

**2. Prof G Vijayaraghavan**

Honorary Professor, Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation.

**3. Prof Hideki Esho**

Faculty of Economics, Hosei University, Tokyo, Japan (5:00 pm)

**4. Mr Sreejith Nair**

CEO, Coconics Private Limited, India

**5. Prof Raja Rasiah**

Distinguished Professor, Economics, Asia Europe Institute, University of Malaya- Malaysia (4:00 pm)

**6. Prof Michiko Iizuka**

Professor, National Graduate Research Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Japan (5:00 pm)

**7. Prof Tim Turpin**

University of Western Sydney, Australia (7:00 pm)

**8. Mr Prince Joseph**

Chief Information Officer, SFO Technologies, India

**9. Prof Rasigan Maharajh**

Professor Extraordinary, Centre for Research on Evaluation, Science and Technology, Stellenbosch University, Republic of South Africa (10:00 am)

**10. Prof Richard Heeks**

Global Development Institute & Chair, Digital Development, University of Manchester (8:00 am)

Session 2:

## INNOVATION SYSTEM FOR THE KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY



3:30 pm- 5:30 pm (IST)

**Chair** : **Prof M S Rajashree**  
*Vice Chancellor, APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University, Kerala*

### Presentation:

- 1. Evolving an Innovation Ecosystem for Kerala**  
*Dr P.V. Unnikrishnan, Strategic Advisor, K-DISC*
- 2. Kerala Start-up Ecosystem**  
*Mr Tom Thomas, Project Director, Kerala Start-up Mission*

### Experts Feedback

- 1. Prof Xiaolan Fu**  
*Director, Technology & Management for Development Centre, University of Oxford, England (10:00am)*
- 2. Shri Chandrasekhar Balagopal**  
*Founder and Former Managing Director, Terumo Penpol Ltd*
- 3. Prof Rasmus Lema**  
*Department of Business and Management, Aalborg University, Denmark (11:00am)*

**4. Dr Srikumar Chattopadhyay**  
*ICSSR National Fellow, GIFT*

**5. Mr Anoop Ambika**  
*Chief Executive Officer, Clap Research and Genpro Research, Kerala*

**6. Prof Erika Kraemer-Mbula**  
*DST/NRF/Newton Fund Trilateral Chair in Transformative Innovation, the 4IR and Sustainable Development, South Africa  
Vice President, Globelics (12:00 pm) (TBC)*

**7. Prof Thankom Arun**  
*University of Essex, UK (10:00 am)*

**8. Prof Rainer Walz**  
*Deputy Director, Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research, Germany (11:00 pm)*

**9. Dr Nanditha Mathew**  
*United Nations University – MERIT, Netherlands, (11:00 am)*

**10. Prof. Nina Kazakova Saratova**  
*State Technical University, Russia (1:00 pm) (TBC)*





Session 3 :

## SKILLING, RESKILLING AND UPSKILLING FOR THE KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm (IST)

**Chair** : **Prof Saji Gopinath**  
*Vice Chancellor,  
Kerala University of Digital Science, Innovation and Technology.*

### Presentation

1. **Kerala Workforce strategies for the Fourth Industrial Revolution**  
**Mr Santhosh Chandrasekara Kurup**, Chief Executive Officer,  
ICT Academy of Kerala
2. **Work Near Home infrastructure for Kerala**  
**Mr P.M Sasi**, CEO IT Parks, Director, International Centre for Free  
and Open Source Software (ICFOSS), Kerala

### Chief Guest

**Prof Charles Edquist**  
*Ruben Rausing Chair in Innovation Research at CIRCLE,  
Lund University, Sweden, (1:00 pm)*

### Experts Feedback

1. **Prof Zhang Liyan**  
*Professor and Director, Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship,  
Tianjin University of Finance and Economics, China (8:00 pm)*

2. **Mr Sreekanth K Arimanithaya**  
*Global Talent and Enablement Services Leader,  
EY Global Delivery Services at Ernst & Young, India*
3. **Prof Mammo Muchie**  
*DST/NRF Research Professor, Faculty of Management Sciences,  
Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa (2:00 pm)*
4. **Prof Edward Lorenz**  
*Professor Emeritus, University of Nice- CNRS French National Centre  
for Scientific Research, Paris, France & Vice President, Globelics (1:00 pm)*
5. **Prof Glenda Kruss**  
*Research Director at HSRC, South Africa (2:00 pm)*
6. **Prof Sushil Khanna**  
*IIM Kolkata, India*
7. **Prof Dinesh Abrol**  
*Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*
8. **Prof Anna Kingiri**  
*African Centre for Technology Studies, Nairobi, Kenya (3.00 pm)*



## CONCLUDING PLENARY

7.30 pm - 9:30 pm (IST)

**Chair :** **Prof T M Thomas Isaac**  
*Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of Kerala*

### Chief Guests

- 1. Dr Aurora Fernandez Gonzales**  
*Advisor for the Minister for Higher Education formerly Vice Minister, Higher Education Cuba, (9:00 am)*
- 2. Prof Luc Soete**  
*Professorial Fellow, UNU MERIT & formerly Rector Magnificus of Maastricht University, Netherlands (3:00 pm)*

### Experts Feedback

- 1. Prof Sabu Thomas**  
*Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala*
- 2. Prof Jorge Neunez**  
*Research Director, Cuban Chair in Science, Technology, Society and Innovation, University of Havana, Cuba (9:00 am)*
- 3. Prof Govindan Parayil**  
*Dean, University of South Florida, USA, formerly Vice Rector, UNU (9:00 am)*
- 4. Prof Judith Sutz**  
*Professor, University of the Republic of Uruguay & Former President GLOBELICS (11:00am)*
- 5. Prof Jayati Ghosh**  
*Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (9:00 am)*

**6. Prof M A Oommen**  
*Honorary Fellow, GIFT.*

**7. Mr Arun M Kumar**  
*Chairman and CEO, KPMG*

**8. Prof José Eduardo Cassiolato**  
*Professor, Federal University of Brazil, RedeSist Coordinator & Former Secretary General, GLOBELICS (11:00 am)*

**9. Prof Dra Gabriela Dutrénit**  
*Coordinator, Management and Innovation Policies, Metropolitan University, Mexico City, Mexico. (8:00 am)*

**10. Prof Patrick Heller**  
*Brown University, Director, Development Research Programme at the Watson Institute of International Studies and Public Affairs (9:00 am)*

**11. Prof Susan E. Cozzens**  
*Professor Emerita Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, USA Vice President, Globelics (6:00am)*

**12. Prof A V Jose**  
*Former Director & Honorary Professor, GIFT*

**Vote of Thanks :** **Prof Jeffrey Orozco**  
*National University of Costa Rica & Secretary General, GLOBELICS (8:00 am)*

### Programme Coordinators

**Smt L Anitha Kumary**  
*(Associate Professor, GIFT)*

**Dr Anoop S Kumar**  
*(Assistant Professor, GIFT)*