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FOREWORD

Kannur has its origin from “Kaanathoor”, a coastal village formed by the silt deposited from Kaanam Puzha. In olden days there was a fort on the western side of Kaanathoor, known as “Katlayi Kota”, which once flourished as the capital and great trading centre of Kolathiri Rajas. Kannur is the place where the only Muslim royal family in Kerala ruled with its headquarters at “Arakkal Kettu”, near the present Kannur city. Kolathiri gave them a separate territory covering the Kannur bazaar for their control and they virtually became a power in respect of trade and political influence. Kannur city was once a stall for horses imported from Arabia and Kutch. The Portuguese traders got permission to build a fort in Kannur from Kolathiri in 1505 AD and St. Angelo’s fort was built by Sir Francisco de Almeida.

This AMRUT Master Plan for Kannur Municipal Corporation can be figuratively called its manifesto of developments and is aimed at determining the future of the city has been formed recently by the adding the surrounding Panchayats to erst while Kannur Municipality and it is the right time for us to equip ourselves to rise to the occasion for utilizing in maximum the opportunities lying ahead. On this occasion, it is with great pleasure that I present this Master Plan for Kannur City. The Plan is intended, to be used as a general guide for the future development of land within the Corporation area for many years to come.

The plan is the product of extensive community participation over the last few couple of years. The contribution of every citizen and stakeholder who participated in the preparation of Master Plan can be seen in the following pages. Special thanks are extended to the members of Council, Municipal Standing Committee, Special Committee and its Working Groups who volunteered their precious time to guide the planning process, with their diligence and hard work. I appreciate the efforts put in by the officials of the LSGD Planning, Kannur who prepared this development plan through a process of people’s participation, carefully understanding the aspirations and expectations of the citizens of the city.

Contained within this report are people’s aspirations, dreams, and vision for transforming Kannur city into a smart urban centre with multifunctional zone for providing all basic facilities required for a district head quarters, this Master Plan aims at developing a vital central commercial area at the heart of the city, It also includes

ideas for the urbanization of surrounding areas for a sustainable development, and for laying the foundation for a strong economy by utilizing the potentials offered by the traffic corridors, airport, seaport and the proposed inland navigation to exploit canal tourism potentials available in and around the city, educational infrastructure and commercial activity nodes to be created outside the city centre for a balanced growth of the corporation area. It depicts a Transportation Plan for accommodating all future needs to provide smooth transit for all road users. The Master Plan also includes strategies for developing a city that enriches our lives with more urban and civic amenities with precautions to ensure qualitative life without much damage to the present environment.

I hope that you will read this plan with great enthusiasm and will find that it addresses the critical problems in the development scenario of the city. Finally the plan is open-ended allowing for revisions and additions every five years. And I hope this open-ended nature of the plan will help us fine-tune the proposed incentives and regulations, as and where defects are identified at later stage.

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PREFACE

The 74th Constitutional amendment and subsequent state legislations have put forward a paradigm shift in the development planning process. The focus has shifted from physical planning to spatial planning for economic and social development. The inclusiveness of the development process is another important consideration in the nation at present. The Planning Commission, Government of India, in the Approach to 12th Five Year Plan, articulated this view as following “*Urban planning cannot be limited to spatial allocations and engineering solutions: It must encompass and connect various socio-technical considerations too*”. The Development Plan has multiple objectives in this backdrop - to ensure efficiency of built form of the town so as to augment economic development, facilitate inclusive and faster development by the impetus given to various sectors of economy and put in place a regulatory mechanism for limiting the anthropogenic threats to the already depleting environmental resources by keeping the demands of development well within the carrying capacity of our precious environment.

Kannur is one of the highly urbanized districts of Kerala, with nearly two-third of its population living in urban areas as per the census 2011. The population of the urban areas of Kannur district is increasing. This is contrary to the general trend of rural areas of coastal belt that are gradually urbanized. This necessitated a study on the urbanization pattern of the District. Planners have to study the process of urbanization of an area because this is one of the main criteria considered to be crucial in the planning process. The LSGD Planning has been instrumental in the preparation of Town Planning Schemes in the State as per the provisions contained in the Town Planning Acts in force. Accelerated urbanization in the State, a fact underlined by the 2011 Census of India figures, made it imperative to prepare Master Plans for all urban settlements in the State on a priority basis. The Department has taken up the challenging task of preparation of 32 Master Plans in the first stage and further 29 in the next stage to cover all the municipal areas in the State. Kannur Municipal Corporation was included in the latter scheme list of 29 plans.

Among the five hundred cities that have been selected under AMRUT, Kannur Municipal Corporation is also included. Hence the preparation of Master Plan materialized by focusing on the thrust areas of AMRUT Mission. Water supply, sewerage and septage management, storm water drainage to reduce flooding, non-

motorized urban transport, green space/parks are the thrust areas of the mission. Kannur city is famous for its tourism potential such as St. Angelo fort, Payyambalam Beach, Light house, Arakkal kettu etc. These tourism spots have played a major role in development of the city. The development strategy of the city is based on its historical, social and cultural aspects ensuring the people's participation in all stages of planning.

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Certainly, this plan document for Kannur city will provide a frame work for development of the city for years to come.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
ADS	Area Development Society
ATM	Automated Teller Machine
BMW	Bio Medical Waste
BOD	Bio Chemical Oxygen Demand
BPL	Below Poverty Line
CBD	Central Business District
CDS	Community Development Society
CFU	Colony Forming Unit
CI	Concentration Index
CIF	Cumulative Functional Index
CWRDM	Centre for Water Resources Development and Management
dB	Decibel
DDMA	Disaster Management Authority
DIC	District Industries Centre
DO	Dissolved Oxygen
DPC	District Planning Committees
DPR	Detailed Project Report
DTP Scheme	Detail Town Planning Scheme
DTPC	District Tourism Promotion Council
DUR	District Urbanization Report
FAR	Floor Area Ratio
GIS	Geographical Information System
Ha	Hectare
HORTICORP	Horticulture Products Development Corporation Ltd.
HP	Horse Power
HQ	Head Quarters
IDMST	Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns
IFS	Indian Foreign Service
IHSDP	Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme

IMA	Indian Medical Association
IMAGE	Indian Medical Association Goes Eco-Friendly
IT	Information Technology
KIAL	Kannur International Airport Ltd.
KINFRA	Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation
KIRTADS	Kerala Institute for Research Training and Development studies of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe
KITTS	Kerala Institute of Tourism and Travel Studies
KMBR	Kerala Municipality Building Rules
KRFB	Kerala Road Fund Board
KSDMA	Kerala State Disaster Management Authority
KSEDM	Kerala State Entrepreneur Development Mission
KSFDC	Kerala State Film Development Corporation
KSIDC	Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation
KSPCB	Kerala State Pollution Control Board
KSRTC	Kerala State Road Transport Corporation
KSTP	Kerala State Transport Project
KSUDP	Kerala State Urban Development Project
KTDC	Kerala Tourism Development Corporation
KVASU	Kerala Veterinary and Animal Science University
KVIB	Khadi and Village Industries Board
KW	Kilo Watt
KWA	Kerala Water Authority
LSG	Local Self Government
M	metre
m ²	square metre
MDR	Major District Road
MLD	Million Liters per Day
Mg/l	Milligram per litre
MSME	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
MSL	Mean Sea Level
NATPAC	National Transportation Planning and Research Centre

NGOs	Non Governmental Organisations
NH	National Highway
NREGS	National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme
NRHM	National Rural Health Mission
PCB	Pollution Control Board
PCU	Passenger Car Unit
PH	Potential of Hydrogen Ions
PPP	Public Private Participation
Pp sq.km	Persons per square kilometer
PWD	Public Works Department
RKI	Rebuild Kerala Initiative
R.S. No.	Resurvey Number
SH	State Highway
SIC	Spatial Integration Committee
SIDBI	Small Industrial Development Bank of India
SPV	Special Purpose Vehicle
Sq.km	Square Kilometer
SSA	Sarva Siksha Abhiyan
STP	Sewage Treatment Plant
TC Road	Thalassery Coorg Road
UDPFI	Urban Development Plans Formulation and Implementation
URDPFI	Urban and Regional Development Plans Formulation and Implementation
VAMBAY	Valmiki Ambedkar Avas Yojana
VCB	Vented Cross Bars
V/C Ratio	Volume/Capacity Ratio
WFPR	Work Force Participation Rate
WTP	Water Treatment Plant

PART I
STUDY AND
ANALYSIS



