



# GLOBAL EDUCATION MEET (GEM) KERALA 2016

Towards transforming Kerala into a hub of International Higher Education

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The importance and antiquity of education in Kerala is underscored by the state's ranking as among the most literate in the country. Kerala has initiated key reforms in the area of higher education in the past few years.

Some of such initiatives, which lay the foundation for internationalization of higher education and have far reaching initiatives in propelling the State as a leading international hub of educational excellence, are:

- Facilitating international academic collaborations with Universities by formalizing credit transfer regulations
- Skill-based partnerships in higher education with international skill providers by combining academic work with skill courses relevant to industry
- Introduction of autonomous colleges with freedom to innovate and introduce academic courses

The State now proposes to leverage its strength in higher education and proposes two major initiatives for advancing international collaboration in higher education in the State.

- **Setting up of an Academic City**
- **Establishing International Higher Education Zones (IHEZs) in the pattern of the Special Export Processing Zones (SEPZs)**

The State Government intends to establish an Academic City Authority as a single window authority for facilitating and regulating these new initiatives.

The Academic City Authority will be embedded in the University system through appropriate legislative changes.

# THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

## THE ACADEMIC CITY

- A campus of international standards to be set up in one of the three metropolitan cities of the State to be selected based on partner feedback
- Built-up space sprawling across several million square feet in the Academic City
- Partnerships with international Universities who can run their international courses in these centers or offer twinning programmes in collaboration with Universities in Kerala
- Potential to flourish as an independent international center subsequently in line with National and State Educational Policies.

## INTERNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION ZONES (IHEZ)

- Offers challenging and exciting opportunities for educational investors in Kerala
- Can be developed into potentially world class educational institutions
- Hybrid mix of courses – with an optimum combination of international and domestic academic Programmes to ensure sustainability and competitiveness.
  - Initially, these programmes will be affiliated to the University with jurisdiction, in the mode of affiliated colleges
  - Potential to run independent international courses subsequently in line with National and State Educational Policies.
- Investors setting up their own campuses will be extended support by Government for
  - Single window mechanism through the Academic City Authority for clearances from Universities and Government
  - Concessions in respect of registration and stamp duties
  - Infrastructure support for the campuses like roads, water supply, ultra-high speed optic fibre lines, reliable power lines to the campuses

## GLOBAL EDUCATION MEET (GEM)- OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Round Table on International Collaboration with global experts
- Exchange of Ideas on Academic City and Higher Academic Zones
- Exhibition of Higher Education Facilities in Kerala
- Networking Sessions

**Come, join and build a partnership with Kerala for making Kerala the most preferred international destination for Higher Education in the world....**

**And help the State take quantum leaps in higher education by promoting quality international higher education at affordable costs.**

Global Education Meet (GEM) is jointly organized by Higher Education Department, Govt. of Kerala, Kerala State Higher Education Council and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

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