FOOD PROCESSING

Towards Sustainable Growth Opportunities

State Profile

Kerala

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Abstract

Growth and Linkages in the Indian Food Processing Sector:

The Indian food-processing sector has witnessed remarkable growth, during the last 9 years ending 2023-24, Food Processing Industries sector has been growing at an Average Annual Growth Rate (AAGR) of around 6.55% as compared to around 6.06% in manufacturing at 2011-12 prices. The sector constituted as much as 7.93% share of FPI in manufacturing sector in 2023-2024. The sector is one of the largest employment providers in the organised manufacturing sector with 12.91% employment in the total registered/organised sector. This highlights its competitiveness and capacity to cater to global markets.

India is the world's largest producer of milk, pulses and jute and ranks as the second largest producer of rice, wheat, sugarcane, groundnut, vegetables, fruit and cotton. It is also one of the leading producers of spices, fish, poultry, livestock and plantation crops. This abundant raw material base offers immense potential for value addition and export. Notably, India reported the processed food exports amounted to USD 10.09 billion in 2024-2025 with significant shares in processed vegetables and fruits, pulses, cereal preparations etc. Further, the sector has attracted 7.21 billion FDI inflow in the last one-decade ending 2024-25. Recognizing the sector's significance, Ministry of Food Processing Industries has extended support and incentives for creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management, creation of employment opportunities, reducing post-harvest losses, increasing the processing level and enhancing export of the processed foods.

Agricultural Strength and Economic Advantages of Kerela:

Kerala, known for its robust agricultural sector, with a Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of USD 133.87 Billion. It is recognized as "God's own country" and is famous for its captivating landscapes, spices, and coconut production. Kerala provides a business-friendly environment with supportive government policies, making it an attractive investment destination. The State has implemented initiatives like the KSWIFT portal for fast and transparent clearance mechanisms.

Kerala's food processing sector offers various opportunities, including frozen meat products, ready-to-eat products, processed spices, ready-to-drink beverages (coffee and tea) and rice. The State is known for its expertise in these areas. Kerala is known for cultivating rice, spices such as pepper, cardamom, nutmeg, and vanilla, and fruits like banana and jackfruit. It has gained a well-deserved reputation for its exceptional rice production and holds the highest number of non-basmati rice varieties in India with Geographical Indication (GI) tags. Kerala has earned esteemed titles such as the "Spice Garden of India" and the "Land of Coconuts."

1. Overview

Kerala, a coastal State located in the south-western region of India, is strategically positioned on a transnational trade corridor. It is widely recognized as "God's own country" owing to its captivating landscapes. Kerala, with a 590 km long coastline, is situated between the Arabian Sea to the west and the Western Ghats to the east. It has 17 notified non major ports.

The tropical climate, abundant monsoons, and numerous water bodies in the State greatly contribute to its agricultural prosperity. Agriculture plays a crucial role in the State's economic development, with its favorable altitude variations making it an agriculturally prosperous State in India.

Kerala's competitive advantage lies in its favorable location, excellent infrastructure, progressive governance, policies that attract investors, responsive administration, and a large pool of skilled, educated, and youthful workforce.

Table 1: Kerala Overview

Particulars	**Details**
State Capital	Thiruvananthapuram
Geographic Area[1]	38,863 sq. km
Population (Census 2011)[2]	33.40 million
Total Road Length (March, 2020)[3]	2,58,375 kms
Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), Current prices, 2023 – 2024[4]	USD 137.71 Billion
Airport[5]	4 International Airports: Kannur, Kozhikode, Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram
Rail Network (2023-24)[6]	1,048 km
Industrial Area	No of Industrial Parks: 147[7] No. of operational SEZ: 20[8] 17 major Industrial Estates 36 Mini Industrial Estates KINFRA Sea Food Park, Alappuzha Ongoing development of Kochi-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (KBIC)[9]

[1] About Kerala| Government of Kerala
[2] https://rbidocs.rbi.org.in/rdocs/Publications/PDFs/HANDBOOK09122024426229B8B51C4BDE99607F1ADC64154A.PDF
[3] https://morth.nic.in/sites/default/files/Basic%20Road%20Statistics%20of%20India-2019-20.pdf
[4] https://rbidocs.rbi.org.in/rdocs/Publications/PDFs/HANDBOOK09122024426229B8B51C4BDE99607F1ADC64154A.PDF
[5] Airport Authority of India
[6] https://rdso.indianrailways.gov.in/railwayboard/uploads/directorate/stat_econ/2025/IR%20Year%20Book%202023-24-English.pdf
[7] https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1695462
[8] https://sezindia.gov.in/sites/default/files/approved_sez/State_wise_distribution_of_SEZs.pdf
[9] Kerala Small Industries Corporation and Kerala Employment Promotion Corporation, Kerala SIDCO; Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation

Infrastructure[10]	4 Air Cargo Terminals 2 Inland Container Depot (ICD) 12 Container Freight Station (CFS) 134 Railway Goods Sheds 80,715 MT Cold Storage Capacity 1.59 lakh MT Warehouse Capacity
Installed power[11]	6669.13 MW
Available land[12]	386.00 Ha

[10] https://warehousingindia.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/LEADSReport2022_13October2022.pdf
[11] https://cea.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/installed/2024/03/IC_Mar_2024_allocation_wise.pdf
[12] indiaindustriallandbank.gov.in

2. Advantage Kerala

- The state boasts the highest literacy rate of 94% in the country[13]. Kerala's core strength is the availability of skilled human resources suitable of knowledge-based industries[14].
- Identified as "Best Performer" among Category A States in India's Start-up Ranking (2022)
- Stands out as the fully digital State in India, boasting a robust single window system K-SWIFT (Kerala - Single Window Interface for Fast and Transparent Clearance).
- In 2024, the Industries and Commerce Department introduced the Unified Industrial Land/Building (Allotment & Disposal) Regulations for Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA) and Kerala Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC)[15].
- Excellent connectivity with impressive transportation infrastructure, having 4 international airports, 2 major seaports, 17 minor ports, 1 International Container Trans-shipment Terminal and 625 km of Coastal Highway.[16]
- Gained a renowned reputation for its exquisite 'Nendran' variety of bananas.
- 2nd largest coffee producing State in the country.[17]
- 4th largest tea producing State in India[18]

Presence of national level technical and research institutions[19]:

- ICAR - Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Kochi
- CSIR - National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram
- ICAR- Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Centre at Kochi
- ICAR-Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasargod
- ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Trivandrum
- ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi
- ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research, Calicut
- National Institute of Fisheries Post Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT) at Kochi, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India

[13] https://knowindia.india.gov.in/profile/literacy.php
[14] https://investkerala2025.kerala.gov.in/skilled-human-resource/
[15] https://investkerala2025.kerala.gov.in/policies-and-incentives/
[16] https://investkerala2025.kerala.gov.in/connectivity-and-logistics/
[17] https://coffeeboard.gov.in/coffee-statistics.html?page=CoffeeData#pro (Final Estimate 2022-2023)
[18] https://www.teaboard.gov.in/pdf/State_Region_wise_tea_production_2024_and_2024_25_Apr_Dec_pdf4332.pdf
[19] https://icar.org.in/institutes

3. Local Food System

3.1 Indigenous Produce

Kerala is geographically divided into three regions: the Highlands, Midlands, and Lowlands.[20] The Highlands, descending from the Western Ghats, are renowned for tea, coffee and cardamom plantations. The Midlands, located between the mountains and lowlands, provide fertile ground for the thriving cultivation of cashew, coconut, areca nut, cassava (tapioca), banana, rice, ginger, pepper, sugar cane, and various vegetables. The Lowlands, comprising river deltas, backwaters, and the coast along the Arabian Sea, are predominantly devoted to the cultivation of coconut and rice.

With a 590 km long coastline, a continental shelf area of 39,139 sq km, around 4 lakh hectares of inland water bodies like brackish water lakes, backwaters, estuaries, rivers, reservoirs, ponds, tanks etc. and an estimated 11.03 lakh people dependent on fisheries for their livelihood the sector plays an important role in the State's economy and in the nutritional security of the people[21].

The State comprises 13[22] agroecological zones that support a variety of farming activities. The fertile land and diverse range of crops provide numerous opportunities for value addition.
Kerala State Bamboo Mission (KSBM)[23] is constituted under Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Kerala with the broad aim of marshalling the unorganised Bamboo sector of the State. Varieties of Bamboo like *Dendrocalamus* species *and Thrysostachys* species are well known for their edible shoots. These varieties are cultivated in Kasargod and northern Kerala[24].

The state has received 25 Geographical Indicator (GI) tags for[25] -

Alleppey Green Cardamom	Malabar Pepper	Mansooned Malabar Arabica Coffee	Mansooned Malabar Robusta Coffee	Navara Rice
Marayoor Jaggery (Marayoor Sharkara)	Palakkadan Matta Rice	Pokkali Rice	Vazhakulam Pineapple	Wayanad Jeerakasala Rice
Kuttiattoor Mango (Kuttiattoor Manga)	Wayanad Gandhakasala Rice	Kaipad Rice	Chengalikodan Nendran Banana	Central Travancore Jaggery
Nilambur Teak	Wayanaad Robusta Coffee	Tirur Betel Leaf (Tirur Vettila)	Attappady Aattukombu Avara	Thalanadan Grambu (Clove)
Attappady Thuvara	Onattukara Ellu	Kanthalloor Vattavada Veluthulli	Kodungallur Pottuvellari	Edayur Chilli

[20]Physiology| Kerala Forest & Wildlife Department| Government of Kerala
[21] https://rebuild.kerala.gov.in/?page_id=1748
[22]Agro ecological zone| EIACP PC Hub: Kerala State of Environment and Related Issues
[23] https://keralabamboomission.org/index.php/about-us/bamboo-in-kerala
[24] http://kerenvis.nic.in/ (EIACP PC Hub: Kerala State of Environment and Related Issues)
[25]https://ipindia.gov.in/writereaddata/Portal/Images/pdf/State_wise_Registered_GI_of_India_15_05_2025.pdf

3.2 Key Production Highlights[26]

Among Indian states, Kerala is -

- Known for its spices like pepper, cardamom, cinnamon, tamarind, nutmeg and cloves.
- Other crops grown in the region are coconut, cocoa, coffee, cashew, and arecanut
- Ranks 1st in cardamom and nutmeg production in India
- One of the largest producers of Vanilla
- Largest producer of Jackfruit in India
- 2nd largest producer of Tapioca, Cocoa and Black Pepper
- 3rd largest producer of Coconut
- Presence of 1500+ coastal aquaculture farms[27]
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3.3 Key Production Statistics

Table 1: Crops ('000 MT)[28], 2023-24

S. No.	Particulars	Production
1.	Coconut[29]	3,800
2.	Rice	498
3.	Sugarcane	75.9
4.	Pulses	2.3

Table 2: Livestock, 2023-24[30]& Fisheries

S. No.	Particulars	Production
1.	Eggs (lakh nos.)	24,052
2.	Milk ('000 MT)	2,580
3.	Meat ('000 MT)	518
4.	Fish (lakh tonnes)[31] (2022-23)	9.21

Table 3: Fruits ('000 MT)[32], 2023-24

S. No.	Particulars	Production
1.	Banana	477.52
2.	Mango	495.54
3.	Jackfruit	1,521.62
4.	Pineapple	118.96

[26] https://agriwelfare.gov.in/sites/default/files/2023_24_FinalEstimates.xls
[27] https://dof.gov.in/sites/default/files/2025-04/AnnualReport2025English.pdf
[28] https://rbidocs.rbi.org.in/rdocs/Publications/PDFs/HANDBOOK09122024426229B8B51C4BDE99607F1ADC64154A.PDF
[29] https://agriwelfare.gov.in/sites/default/files/2023_24_FinalEstimates.xls
[30] https://dahd.gov.in/sites/default/files/2025-01/FinalBAHS2024Book14012025.pdf
[31] https://dof.gov.in/sites/default/files/2024-06/Handbook.pdf
[32] https://agriwelfare.gov.in/sites/default/files/2023_24_FinalEstimates.xls

Table 4: Vegetables ('000 MT)[33], 2023-24

S.No.	Particulars	Production
1.	Tapioca	2,365.77
2.	Elephant foot yam	185.77
3.	Brinjal	57.34
4.	Peas	32.51

Table 5: Spices ('000 MT)[34] , 2023 - 24

S.No.	Particulars	Production
1.	Ginger	45.41
2.	Tamarind	28.91
3.	Black Pepper	30.80
4.	Cardamom	22.87
5.	Nutmeg	18.03

[33]ibid
[34]ibid

4. Production Clusters

The list below showcases the Production Clusters within the State under the Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME).

Table 7: Production Clusters[35]

S.No.	Products	Districts
1.	Rice-based products	Alappuzha & Thrissur
2.	Pineapple based products	Ernakulam
3.	Coconut based products	Idukki
4.	Spices	Kannur, Kottayam, Kozhikode & Malappuram
5.	Jackfruit based products	Pathanamthitta & Kasargod
6.	Tropical & tuber crop-based products	Kollam & Thiruvananthapuram
7.	Banana based products	Palakkad
8.	Milk-based products	Wayanad

[35]ONE DISTRICT ONE PRODUCT– MoFPI

5. Agricultural Marketing

The Department of Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare, under the Government of Kerala, is implementing strategies to strengthen opportunities for marketing agricultural produce in the State. This includes market infrastructure, intelligence, and institutional support. The total outlay provided during 2024-25 under Marketing, Storage & Warehousing and other programmes is Rs 15,731.00 lakh. This includes an amount of Rs 300.00 lakh allocated under RIDF and Rs 10,000.00 lakh under externally aided project for the World Bank funded KERA projects.[36]

Table 8: Agricultural Markets in Kerala

S.No.	Particulars	Details
1.	Food Processing Industries[37]	1,725
2.	e – NAM Mandis[38]	6
3.	Mandi[39]	93
4.	Farmer Producer Organizations[40]	44
5.	Public Sector Godown[41]	136
6.	Food grain Godowns	26
7.	Warehouse[42]	60
8.	Wholesale Assembling Markets[43]	346

[36] https://keralaagriculture.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/ANNUAL-PLAN-2024-25.pdf
[37] Annual Survey of Industries 2022-23
[38] e-Nam Directory| Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers's Welfare| Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare | Government of India
[39] Agmarket| Directorate of Marketing & Inspection (DMI), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
[40] State wise list of registered FPOs details under Central Sector Scheme for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs by SFAC as on 24-02-2025.pdf
[41] ibid
[42] ibid
[43] NABARD| A Collaborative Study on Agriculture Marketing Infrastructure in Kerala

6. Potential Opportunities

Kerala offers an ideal environment for cultivating rice, spices (pepper, cardamom, nutmeg, vanilla, etc.) and fruits (banana, jackfruit, etc.). It is renowned for rice production, holding the highest number of GI-tagged non-basmati rice varieties in India. Kerala has earned prestigious titles like the "Spice Garden of India" and the "Land of Coconuts." It has also been recognized as one of the world's top 10 paradises by National Geographic. In addition to rice, the State cultivates rubber, coffee, tea, vegetables, and fruits.

6.1 Spice Processing for Ready to Cook/ Ready to Eat

Kerala is famous for its spice production, with 57% of India's national pepper production originating from the state. Pepper holds a vital position in Kerala's thriving food processing sector, making significant contributions to exports.

- The state is also renowned for its production of various other spices, such as cardamom, vanilla, cinnamon, cloves, turmeric, and nutmeg. Districts like Wayanad, Idukki, and Kozhikode are widely acknowledged for their spice cultivation
- These spices are featured in local delicacies such as appam, puttu, and pathiri.

Spice Processing may include:

- Spice blends and seasonings
- Sauces and condiments can be infused with spices for enhancing flavours
- Marinades and rubs
- Spice-infused oils, extracts, essential oils& vinegar
- Ready-to-eat meals

6.2 Beverages

Kerala, the 2nd largest producer of coffee and the 4th largest producer of tea in India, has favourable climatic conditions that offer great potential for the processing of these popular beverages. The State can capitalize on its tea and coffee production, presenting promising opportunities for value addition and market expansion in the food processing sector, particularly in the beverage industry.

- Speciality Tea and Herbal Infusions: Production facilities to process and package specialty teas like green tea, white tea, black tea, and various herbal blends. Fruits can be cooked with sugar and spices to make delectable jams or preserves for toast, pastries, and bread.
- Ready to Drink Coffee: Cold brew coffee with different flavours like vanilla, hazelnut, caramel, etc., Iced Coffee Blends.
- Ready to Drink Tea: Bottled iced teas with flavoured variations like peach, lemon, strawberry, etc.
- Value Added Products: Coffee Sachets, Tea bags, Flavoured coffee syrups, etc.
- Coffee Roasting and Grinding: Facilities can process locally roasted coffee beans which can be sent to local cafes, retail stores and online platforms as well.

6.3 Fish Processing

The Gross state value added (GSVA) of fisheries and aquaculture sector during the year 2021-22 (at current prices) in Kerala was USD 1.66 billion. Kerala has 5th highest annual per capita consumption of fish with 20.65 kg/ annum. There lies huge processing potential as about 74% of fish is marketed fresh for consumption in the state.

The fishery value added and byproduct and packaging of sea foods in Kerela are:

- Preparation of fish marinades,
- Fish /clam/prawn pickle, fish /clam/ prawn cutlet, Fish wafers, Fish sausage, Fish Ball, Fish Finger, Fish momos,
- Fish Protein Concentrate, Fish soup powder, Dried Prawn pulp, Masmin flakes.

6.4 Rice Processing

Kerala is known for its unique and specialty rice varieties such as Pokkali, which is an organic rice that can tolerate saltwater and is renowned for its medicinal properties and distinct taste. Additionally, Jeerakasala and Gandhakasala are scented rice varieties, while Black Njavara and Golden Njavara are medicinal rice varieties that are extensively used in Ayurveda.

Rice can be processed into items like:

- Rice Bran Oil Extraction: A healthy cooking oil with high nutritional value and low trans-fat content.
- Value Added Products: Breakfast cereals, Baby food, Packaged mixes, Idli, Dosa, Brown rice syrup.
- Rice Snacks: Products like rice cakes, rice sheets, crackers, noodles, and vermicelli.
- Rice flour production: Catering to both local and export demand and used to create dishes like breakfast items (puttu, appam) and desserts (ada).
- Rice-based Beverages: Rice wine, rice soup. Rice milk and rice-based smoothies are gaining popularity as dairy alternatives.

6.5 Fruits and Vegetables Processing

Diverse range of horticultural produce, including fruits like Banana, Pineapple, papaya, Assam lemon, Orange, Guava, Litchi, Jackfruit, and Mango, along with vegetables, potatoes, tuber crops, and mushrooms. This presents an opportunity to focus on packed and ready-to-eat processing.

- **Banana Processing**
  Banana production in the State is 878.138 thousand MT as per the 2022-23 final estimates and 'Nendran' variety of bananas has earned a good reputation for the State. Bananas are mainly processed into chips, but a lot of fresh bananas are also exported. Additionally, there are opportunities to process bananas into other food products such as banana milkshake powder, banana-based baby food, and banana pulp.
- **Jackfruit Processing**
  Jackfruit is grown in an area of 91.70 thousand hectares in Kerala and the State produces 1480.15 thousand MT of jackfruits. There is a lot of potential for developing various products from it, like pickles, chips, fruit rolls, Dehydrated raw jackfruit flour, Canned Jackfruit.
- **Tapioca/ Cassava Processing**
  Cassava is used in the production of number of processed products like starch, sago, liquid glucose, chips, flour etc. Modified starch, carboxy methyl starch, cationic starch, oxidized starch and pregelatinized starch are being produced using cassava starch.
  Sago: Sago (Saboodana) is a processed edible starch produced from tapioca starch marketed in the form of small globules or pearls.
  Alcohol: Vodka made by fermenting and distilling tapioca starch.

6.6 Coconut Processing

- **Products from Coconut Inflorescence**
  The vascular sap collected from immature unopened coconut inflorescence is popularly known as “Neera” in fresh form.
- **Products from Coconut Kernel**
  Virgin Coconut Oil, Desiccated Coconut, Spray Dried Milk Powder, Diabetic friendly Cookies, Coconut Oil, Milk / Cream, Flavoured Coconut Milk, Coconut Chips
- **Products from Coconut Water**
  Packed Tender Coconut Water, Nata-de-Coco, Vinegar, Packed Matured Coconut Water

7. State Government Initiatives and Schemes

The Kerala State Government has implemented numerous reforms to create a conducive and investor-friendly business environment for those interested in establishing their businesses within the state. The table below highlights some of the key initiatives undertaken by the government:

- **Kerala Single Window System**[44]

An online clearance mechanism to promote Ease of Doing Business and to streamline the clearance process for enterprises looking to set up or operate within the State. Single Window Clearance Boards were also established at the State, District, and Industrial Park levels to facilitate this process. Additionally, Investment Promotion and Facilitation Cells were created at both the State and District levels to handle investor concerns and complaints. (kswift.kerala.gov.in)

- **Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC)**

One stop-shop to set up an industry in Kerala, is a top government agency in Kerala that focuses on promoting industries and investments. KSIDC serves as the main point of contact for all investor-related activities in the State, providing support and guidance. It represents the State's values and acts as a bridge between the government and industry. KSIDC is also responsible for implementing initiatives that make doing business in the State easier. (ksidc.org)

- **Central Industrial Lank Bank Portal**

Industrial parks serve as a one-stop repository of all infrastructure-related information, such as, connectivity, infra, natural resources and terrain, plot-level information on vacant plots, and contact details. (iis.ncog.gov.in)

- **The Kerala Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Facilitation Act, 2019**

The policy has been created to grant a waiver from licenses, approvals, permits, and similar requirements outlined in different Acts for the initial three years. This waiver applies to all projects with capital investments of up to Rs 10 crore, if they are not classified under the red category determined by the Pollution Control Board.[45]

- **Kerala Start-up Mission (KSUM)**

The main goals of this initiative are to create, organize, and oversee Technology Business Incubators across Kerala to encourage entrepreneurs with a focus on technology. The aim is to support and promote start-up ventures that are based on knowledge and technology, specifically among local entrepreneurs. Additionally, the initiative seeks to facilitate connections and networking between industries and educational institutions.[46] (startupmission.kerala.gov.in)

[44]K-SWIFT| Single Window Interface for Fast & Transparent Clearance
[45]Ease of Doing Business – Invest Kerala
[46]Kerala Start-up Mission| State Nodal Agency by Govt. of Kerala

Key incentives introduced by the State Government of Kerala for the food processing industry under the Kerala Industrial Policy 2023 are summarized below:[47]

Table 9: The Kerala Industrial Policy 2023:

Incentive Category	Project Category	Description
Investment Subsidy on Fixed Capital	Large, Mega	10% subject to a maximum of Rs 10 Crore
SGST Reimbursement	Large, Mega	100% reimbursement on capital investment for 5 years
Electricity Duty Exemption	MSMEs	100% exemption for 5 years
Waiver of Stamp Duty & Registration charges	Manufacturing Sector	Up to 100% on lease deed/ purchase of land/ building for setting up manufacturing unit in Government and notified Private Industrial Parks
	Women & SC/ST entrepreneurs	Up to 100% on lease deed/ purchase of land/ building for setting up manufacturing unit in Government and notified Private Industrial Parks
Interest Subvention	MSMEs	2% interest subvention on term loan taken for fixed capital investment, by priority sector units, from Govt. financial institutions, for a period of 5 years from the date of starting commercial operations
Capital subsidy incentive	MSMEs	Micro – upto 45%, subject to a maximum of Rs. 40 Lakh Small – upto 45%, subject to a maximum of Rs. 100 Lakh Medium – upto 45%, subject to a maximum of Rs. 200 Lakh
Reduction in Land Conversion charges	Large	Waiver of 50% of conversion charges as well as full exemption from remitting additional fees for the built-up space to be developed on the converted land, for setting up Manufacturing units and Logistics Parks having a minimum capital investment of Rs 100 cr. (excluding land cost)

[47] https://www.kbip.org/documents/IND-POLICY-ENG.pdf

8. Regulatory Framework: Registration / NoCs / Licenses

The table below represents the indicative information regarding the Regulatory Mechanism available in the State of Kerala.

Table 10: For Starting operations

S.No.	Name of Service	Authority/ Agency/ Office/ Department officer granting approval
1.	License for Cold Storage	State Licensing Authority
2.	Registration under FSSAI Act,2006, regulation 2011	Food Safety Kerala
3.	License under FSSAI Act,2006, regulation 2011	Food Safety Kerala
4.	Registration under GST (Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017)	Kerala State Goods and Services Tax Department
5.	Consolidated Consent & Authorization under Water Act, 1974, Air Act, 1981 & Authorization under The Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016	Kerala State Pollution Control Board
6.	Application for Pre-Operational Fire NOC (National Building Code, 2005)	Department of Fire and Rescue Services

Table 11: For setting up of business.

S.No.	Name of Service	Authority/ Agency/ Office/ Department officer granting approval
1.	Land allotment in departmental industrial estates	Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC)
2.	Application for Land / Plot Allotment	Kerala Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA)
3.	Application for new connection LT / HT line non-domestic / industrial	Kerala State Electricity Board Limited
4.	Application for Water Connection	Kerala Water Authority
5.	License under Contract Labour Act, (Regulation and Abolition), 1970	Kerala State Labour Department
6.	Application for building plan approval	Kerala State Town and Country

S.No.	Name of Service	Authority/ Agency/ Office/ Department officer granting approval
		Planning Department
7.	Application for Completion cum Occupancy Certificate	Kerala State Town and Country Planning Department
8.	Consent to Establish under Water(Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974	Kerala State Pollution Control Board
7.	Consent to Establish under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981	Kerala State Pollution Control Board
8.	Consent to Operate under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981	Kerala State Pollution Control Board
9.	Application for Pre-Establishment Fire NOC (National Building Code,2005)	Department of Fire and Rescue Services
10.	Site Plan Approval under the Factories Act, 1948	Department of Factories and Boilers

9. Major Players in Food Processing and Allied Sectors

9.1. Beneficiaries under PMKSY scheme[48] of MoFPI, Government of India till 31st March 2025

Table 13: Mega Food Park

Name of the firm	Location	Status
Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA)	Palakkad	Operational
Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd (KSIDC)	Alappuzha	Operational

Table 14: Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure Scheme

S.No.	Name of the firm	Location	Sector	Status
1.	Abad Fisheries Pvt. Ltd	Kochi	Dairy	Operational
2.	Sun Aquatic Products Pvt. Ltd	Alappuzha	F&V	Operational
3.	FOWL Fusion Kerala Private Limited	Idduki	Poultry	Under Implementation
4.	Grand Marine Exim	Thrissur	Marine &Fishery	Under Implementation
5.	RCC Nutra Fill Private Limited	Ernakulam	Irradiation	Under Implementation
6.	Inkal Ventures Private Limited	Pattanamthitta	Dairy	Operational
7.	S H Cold Storage Pvt. Ltd.	Alappuzha	F&V	
8.	Cedar Integrated Food Tech Private Limited	Thirssur	Poultry/ Meat (RTE)	Under Implementation

Table 15: Details of completed projects under Creation/ Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC)

S. No.	Name of Unit	Sector	Location	Status
1	M/s Protech Organo Foods Pvt Ltd	Fish & Marine Processing	Alappuzha	Operational
2	M/s Cacobean Chocolate Factory Pvt Ltd	Consumer Products	Ernakulam	Operational
3	M/s Anthocyanin Naturals India Pvt Ltd	Consumer Products	Palakkad	Operational
4	M/s Maak Natural Extractors Pvt. Ltd	Consumer Products	Palakkad	Operational
5	M/s Leaven Essentials Private Limited	Consumer Products	Palakkad	Operational

[48] https://sampada-mofpi.gov.in

S. No.	Name of Unit	Sector	Location	Status
6	M/s AI Marine Products India Private Limited	Fish & Marine Processing	Alappuzha	Operational
7	M/s Bioingredia Natural Private Limited	Consumer Products	Palakkad	Operational
8	M/s Flavco Natural Products Private Limited	Consumer Products	Palakkad	Operational
9	M/s Grain N Grace Food Ingredient Manufacturing Pvt. Ltd	Consumer Products	Palakkad	Operational
10	M/s. Perfetto Naturals Pvt. Ltd.	Consumer Products	Wayanad	Operational
11	M/s Chendayad Granites Pvt Ltd	Consumer Products	Wayanad	Operational
12	M/s. Jayanti SMP Tea Private Limited	Consumer Products	Palakkad	Operational
13	M/s Eastland Ingredients India LLP	Consumer Products	Palakkad	Under Implementation
14	M/s Biorhythm Agro Research Pvt Ltd	F&V Processing	Wayanad	Operational
15	M/s Chendayad Granites Private Limited -145	Consumer Products	Wayanad	Operational
16	M/s Chendayad Granites Private Limited - 69	F&V Processing	Wayanad	Operational
17	M/s Synthite Industries Pvt Ltds (VI)	Consumer Products	Ernakulum	Operational
18	M/s Sijmak Exports Pvt Ltd	Consumer Products	Ernakulum	Operational
19	M/s Spicera Industries	F&V processing	Ernakulum	Under Implementation
20	M/s Fruitex Agro Private Limited	F&V processing	Alappuzha	Under Implementation
21	M/s SLK Food Processing Pvt. Ltd.	F&V processing	Palakkad	Under Implementation
22	M/s ACM Natural Products Pvt. Ltd.	Oil Milling	Palakkad	Under Implementation
23	M/s Hortusmalabaricus Herbs LLP	Oil Milling	Palakkad	Under Implementation
24	M/s Microwin Sterisolutions Pvt. Ltd.	Consumer Products	Palakkad	Under Implementation

9.2 Beneficiaries under PLI Scheme of MoFPI, Government of India

Table 17: Operational units under PLI Scheme[49]

[49] https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1986646

Name of Scheme	Beneficiary Name	Sector	District	Status
PLISFPI	Mane Kancor Ingredients Limited	Fruits & Vegetables	Ernakulam	Operational
PLISFPI	Synthite Industries Pvt. Ltd.	Fruits & Vegetables	Ernakulam	Operational
PLISFPI	Synthite Industries Pvt. Ltd.	Fruits & Vegetables	Ernakulam	Operational
PLISFPI	Synthite Industries Pvt. Ltd.	Fruits & Vegetables	Ernakulam	Operational
PLISFPI	Plant Lipids Private Limited	Fruits & Vegetables	Kolencherry	Operational
PLISFPI	Plant Lipids Private Limited	Fruits & Vegetables	Kolencherry	Operational
PLISFPI	Akay Natural Ingredients Private Limited	Category 2-Innovative	Ernakulam	Operational
PLISFPI	Western India Cashew Company Private Limited	Category 2-Organic	Kollam	Operational
PLISFPI	Elite Green Private Limited	Category 2-Organic	Thrissur	Operational

9.2 Beneficiaries under PMFME Scheme of MoFPI, Government of India

Table 15: Total assistance approved under PMFME - As on 31.05.2025[50]

State/UT	Kerela
Number of Micro Enterprises	6802
Approved Subsidy (Rs in Crore)	173.94
Number of SHG Members	6802
Approved Subsidy (Rs in Crore)	21.49
Number of Approved Incubation Centre	1
Approved Subsidy (Rs in Crore)	2.75
Number of Approved B&M Projects	0
Approved Subsidy (Rs in Crore)	0.00
Net Enterprises-PMFME	13605
Total Subsidy under PMFME (Rs in Crore)	198.17

[50] https://www.mofpi.gov.in/sites/default/files/636.pdf

10. List of Farmer Producer Organizations

The following indicative list represents the Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO) with major crop/produce production of the State. FPOs have been incorporated and registered under 10K FPO scheme by SFAC during the period 2021 to Feb, 2025. The details of FPOs in the State are available at SFAC Farmer Connect FPO Directory[51].

Table 19: Indicative list of FPOs

State	Name of District	Block	CBBO Name	FPO Name
Kerala	Kannur	Kannur	Grant Thornton Bharat LLP	Cannanore Agro Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Kollam	Anchal	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Sahya Samridhi Farmers Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Kozhikode	Kozhikode	Grant Thornton Bharat LLP	Malabar Farmers Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	Chirayinkeezhu	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Chirayinkeezhu Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	Nemom	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Vellayani Farmers Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	Parassala	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Grama Samrudhi Farmer Producer Company Limited

[51] State wise list of registered FPOs details under Central Sector Scheme for Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs by SFAC as on 24-02-2025.pdf

Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	Perungadavila	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Neyyar Farmers Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	Pothen Code	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Pothencode Farmers Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Wayanad	Sulthan Bathery	Grant Thornton Bharat LLP	Wayanad Hills Farmers Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Kollam	Pathanapuram	Bharath Agro Processing and Marketing Cooperative Ltd (BAMCO)	Pathanapuram Farmers Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Thrissur	Puzhakkal	Bharath Agro Processing and Marketing Cooperative Ltd (BAMCO)	Nalla Nadu Farmers Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Alappuzha	Harippad	Bharath Agro Processing and Marketing Cooperative Ltd (BAMCO)	Haripad Farmers Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Ernakulam	Alangad	Bharath Agro Processing and Marketing Cooperative Ltd (BAMCO)	Alangad Farmer Producer Company Limited

Kerala	Kottayam	Pampady	Bharath Agro Processing and Marketing Cooperative Ltd (BAMCO)	Upavanam Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Ernakulam	Parakkadavu	Vegetable and Fruit Promotion Council Keralam	Parakkadavu Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Pathanamthitta	Konni	Vegetable and Fruit Promotion Council Keralam	Konni Queen Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Malappuram	Mankada	Vegetable and Fruit Promotion Council Keralam	Mankada Farmers Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Thrissur	Irinjalakuda	Vegetable and Fruit Promotion Council Keralam	Maithri Irinjalakuda Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Kottayam	Ettumanoor	Vegetable and Fruit Promotion Council Keralam	Pratheeksha Ettumanoor Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Kollam	Chittumala	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Chittumala Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Kollam	Ithikkara	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Desinganadu Farmer Producer Company Limited

Kerala	Kollam	Vettikkavala	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Kallada Rivervalley Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Alappuzha	Mavelikkara	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Mavelikara Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Alappuzha	Chengannur	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Chengannur Farmers Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Pathanamthitta	Elanthoor	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Sabarigiri Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Pathanamthitta	Pandalam	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Pandalam Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Pathanamthitta	Mallappally	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Mallappally Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	Vamanapuram	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Vamanapuram Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	Varkala	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Kshoni Farmer Producer Company Limited

Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	Vellanad	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Vellanad Rural Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	Nedumangad	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Koyyikkalnadu Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Kollam	Kottarakkara	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Kottarakkara Agro Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Kollam	Mukhathala	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Mukhathala Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Kollam	Sasthamcottah	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Masters Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Alappuzha	Bharanikavu	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Idanadu Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Alappuzha	Muthukulam	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social Action (CISSA)	Muthukulam Agroland Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Pathanamthitta	Pullikeezhu	Centre for Innovation in Science & Social	Ekatha Farmer Producer Company Limited

			Action (CISSA)	
Kerala	Kozhikode	Perambra	CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd.	Aasraya Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Kozhikode	Vadakara	CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd.	Kadathanad Agro Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Malappuram	Vandoor	CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd.	Malabarkisan Mitra Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Thrissur	Cherpu	CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd.	Keradhanyam Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Malappuram	Nilambur	Bayer CropScience Limited	Agronomo Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Palakkad	Attappady	Bayer CropScience Limited	Kaival Yamitra Farmer Producer Company Limited
Kerala	Malappuram	Tanur	Bayer CropScience Limited	Glaberrima Agro Farmer Producer Company Limited

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