

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF KGS ARANMULA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

It is proposed to set up an international airport at Aranmula, Kerala. Aranmula is about 120 Km north of Thiruvananthapuram, capital city of Kerala, and 140 Km South of Cochin. It is located in Pathanamthitta District, which has a huge concentration of Non Resident Indian and Non Resident Keralites population. Aranmula International airport intends to be a fully privatized International airport in Central Travancore providing high end aerodrome facilities. The airport is being developed by KGS Aranmula International Airport Ltd.

The Aranmula International Airport at a glance

- An International Airport, on a PPP/ BOO Model is being setup in 500 Acres of land in Aranmula, Pathanamthitta District, the *Pilgrimage Capital of Kerala* situated between Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram at a project cost of Rs.2,000 Crores. The first phase involving construction of airport and its facilities entails a Project Cost of Rs.550 Crores.
- The first Phase of the project will be set up over 490 acres covering three villages in Pathanamthitta Dist.
- Kerala Government will be a partner in this project by taking up a 10 % equity as well as nominating a Director on the Board the company. The Government of Kerala is fully supporting the project and has declared the project area as Industrial Land. They are also providing the Government and Peramboke land in the Project Area to the company at market rates.
- Most of the land in the project area has already been purchased at market prices. The balance land and Government/ Peramboke land will also be at market prices. There is no land acquisition by the Government involved.
- No displacement/ eviction of dwelling units in the project area is involved.
- Environmental impact will be negligible as all the water bodies would be suitably managed.
- The Project Cost of Rs.550 Crores will be divided as 60% Debt and 40% Equity.
- Traffic & Financial Analysis Report has been prepared by **Ernst & Young**, of international repute. The Airport consultants are **NACO** (Netherlands Airport Consultants)- they have designed more than 550 airports, worldwide. Environmental Consultants are **SGS India Ltd**, accredited by Nabet for Category A Projects.