

Pre Event Consultation and Planning for Kerala's Economic Revival : Status Report and RoadMap

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The event was organized as a pre-event consultation and planning session for **Kerala's Economic Revival: Status Report and Roadmap**. It brought together students from various colleges and a few faculty members to discuss key aspects of the initiative and facilitate meaningful contributions from academic institutions. The session began with introductions, where attendees briefly introduced themselves, followed by an overview of the meeting objectives to set the context for the discussions.

Adv. John Joseph from the Kerala Civil Society presented the broader one-year mission, outlining its goals and significance while emphasizing its anticipated impact and long-term outcomes. This provided attendees with a clear understanding of the initiative's vision and direction. A review of the progress made thus far highlighted key milestones, including the development of the Status Report, which serves as a foundational document for further deliberation. The report's findings were briefly discussed, offering insights into Kerala's economic challenges and potential recovery strategies.

Future collaboration between colleges and the initiative was a central theme of the discussion. Anil Kumar P. Y., Program Coordinator, elaborated on various avenues for student and faculty involvement, such as formalizing partnerships through Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs), participating in the main event, and contributing feedback on the Status Report. These efforts aim to strengthen academic engagement in policy discourse and foster a collective approach to shaping Kerala's economic recovery strategies.

John Samuel, President - ISDG, provided insights into the framework that will be developed based on the report to facilitate an in-depth study of various aspects of Kerala's socio-economic landscape. A key focus of the session was planning for the main event, where Sanjo Sabu, Program Associate, led the students in the formation of committees and allocation of responsibilities. Key roles, including reception, registration, event compering, report publishing, food and logistics, volunteer coordination, and certificate distribution, were assigned to ensure seamless execution.

The open discussion on the Status Report provided an opportunity for attendees to share their comments, concerns, and recommendations for refinement. Faculty members, including Prof. Godwin from Women's College and Darsana Ma'am from IMDR College, contributed valuable insights that enriched the report and reinforced the need for a comprehensive and inclusive approach.

The session concluded with a summary of key takeaways, delegation of action items, and closing remarks. Participants left with a clear understanding of their roles in the upcoming event and the significance of their contributions in shaping a well-informed and actionable roadmap for Kerala's economic revival.