

KERALA HIGH COURT
OFFICE ATTENDANT EXAM

Miscellaneous

New Initiatives, Agreements & Kerala Updates

Budget 2026-27 (Revised) • 100-Day Programme • Flagship Missions • MoUs & Agreements • Kerala Firsts • 30 Practice MCQs

Note: Current-affairs items are compiled from news reports available up to October 2026. Always cross-check figures and names with the latest official sources / Entri updates before the exam.

1. How to Study This Topic

- Questions are usually **one-liners**: Who launched? Which department? Amount? Where located? Which year?
- Memorise **names + numbers + places** (e.g., scheme name, Rs amount, district).
- For agreements: remember **parties involved, purpose, amount, date/venue**.
- Revise the **Quick Revision** (Section 7) daily and attempt the **MCQs** (Section 8).

2. Kerala Revised Budget 2026-27 (June 2026)

The revised budget for 2026-27 was presented in the Assembly by Chief Minister **V.D. Satheesan** (UDF government) in June 2026 with the vision of a '**New Age Kerala**' (**Puthuyuga Kerala**). No new taxes were introduced. It revised the figures of the earlier budget presented in January 2026 by the previous government.

Initiative	Key Details
Oommen Chandy Health Insurance Scheme	Health cover of Rs 25 lakh per family ; initial allocation Rs 10 crore
Mission Samudra	Rs 400 crore ; road, port and inland waterway connectivity; plan to connect 17 ports ; Kerala Maritime Policy to be introduced
Kerala Knowledge Valley	Brings together global/national institutions and legacy universities; Rs 100 crore
MSME Growth Scheme	Rs 100 crore; single-window Invest Kerala Cell (data-based) to be formed
Gen AI & New Generation Technology	Rs 50 crore
Kerala Research Park	Rs 50 crore
One Kerala Karuthal Mission	Support for people in extreme poverty facing serious illness / children's education costs (CSR + public funds)
Global Job Watch Tower	Labour-market planning and job opportunities
Green Hydrogen Hub; Brand Kerala	Kerala to become a Green Hydrogen Hub; 'Brand Kerala' initiative
Kerala Disaster Resilience Centre	To be established
Kerala School of Planning, Architecture and Design	New institute in PPP mode (UG/PG architecture and design; PG urban planning)
J.C. Daniel Film City	Kochi
M.T. Cultural Park	Kozhikode
Johnson Music Academy	Thrissur
Dharmadom: Vengad Global Dairy Village	Kannur district; model integrated dairy village; Rs 10 crore
Sidharthan Student Distress App + anti-ragging law	Anti-ragging reforms
Makalkoppam	Initiative to prevent crimes against women
Employees	DA/DR to government employees without arrears
Other	New medical colleges; major changes to KIIFB; shipbuilding hub at Vizhinjam; expansion of Kollam, Beypore, Azhikkal ports

3. Other Recent Initiatives (2026)

- **100-Day Action Programme** of the UDF government: welfare outreach programmes were rolled out under it.
- **Operation Toofan - The Narco Hunt**: state government's anti-drug mission.
- **Samagra 2026**: public outreach event of the **Kerala State Backward Classes Development Corporation (KSBCDC)**, inaugurated by the CM at Palluruthy, Kochi (23 July 2026); information kiosks of departments and

new welfare schemes.

- **Kerala Institute of Organ and Tissue Transplant (KIOTT)**, Kozhikode: foundation stone laid in February 2026 to bring all organ-transplant services under one roof.
- **Vijnana Keralam**: Higher Education Department initiative (ASAP Kerala and IREL signed a CSR MoU aligned to it).
- PM Narendra Modi launched/inaugurated several development projects in Thiruvananthapuram on **23 January 2026**, with emphasis on making the city a startup hub.

4. Flagship Missions, Schemes & Institutions

Scheme / Institution	Key Facts
Nava Kerala Mission (2016)	Four missions: LIFE, Aardram, Haritha Keralam, Public Education Rejuvenation Mission
LIFE Mission	Livelihood Inclusion and Financial Empowerment ; integrated housing for the houseless (2016)
Aardram	Health mission; upgrading primary health centres into family health centres
Haritha Keralam Mission	Waste management, water conservation and agriculture / green initiatives
Kudumbashree (1998)	Poverty eradication and women empowerment; launched at Malappuram
Akshaya (2002)	e-literacy project; Malappuram became India's first e-literate district
K-FON	Kerala Fibre Optic Network ; Kerala declared internet a basic right (2019), the first state to do so
Nava Kerala Sadas (2023)	Cabinet outreach: Manjeswaram to Thiruvananthapuram (Nov-Dec 2023)
KILA	Kerala Institute of Local Administration (1990); trains local-body representatives and officials
Technopark (1990)	India's first technology park; Thiruvananthapuram
Kochi Metro	Opened in June 2017
Kochi Water Metro	India's first water metro; inaugurated April 2023; first route High Court Junction - Vypin
Vizhinjam International Seaport	India's first deep-water container transshipment port; PPP with Adani; commissioned 2 May 2025 (Thiruvananthapuram)
Extreme-poverty-free Kerala	Kerala was declared free of extreme poverty on 1 November 2025 (Kerala Piravi day)

5. Agreements, MoUs & Summits

Parties / Event	Details
REC Ltd - Energy Management Centre (EMC), Govt of Kerala	MoU to finance pumped storage projects: Rs 18,360 crore over 5 years; signed at the Global Green Hydrogen & Renewable Energy Summit , Kochi (12-13 March 2025)
Invest Kerala Global Summit (Kochi, Feb 2025)	Investment summit with investment intents reportedly above Rs 1.5 lakh crore
Vizhinjam Port - Adani Vizhinjam Port Pvt Ltd	Concession agreement (2015, 40 years, PPP); a supplementary agreement for Phase 2/3 expansion was reported in 2025
University of Hyderabad - Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC)	Research collaboration, access to research facilities, faculty development and internships; signed at Thiruvananthapuram in presence of Higher Education Minister
IREL - ASAP Kerala	CSR MoU aligned with the Vijnana Keralam initiative (skill development)

Parties / Event	Details
ICAR-CTCRI (Sreekariyam) - Govt College Kariavattom & Swadeshi Science Movement Kerala	Collaboration in research, training and Agro-based STI Hubs (18 March 2026)
Paddy procurement - Kerala Bank	Paddy procurement integrated with Kerala Bank for faster payment to farmers (2026-27 restructuring, Rs 150 crore)

Exam tip: MoU = Memorandum of Understanding (a non-binding agreement stating intent to cooperate). A contract/concession agreement is legally binding.

6. Kerala Firsts (Frequently Asked)

- First state to declare internet a basic right: **Kerala (2019)**.
- First e-literate district: **Malappuram** (Akshaya).
- First water metro in India: **Kochi Water Metro**.
- First deep-water container transshipment port in India: **Vizhinjam**.
- First technology park in India: **Technopark, Thiruvananthapuram**.
- First state declared free of extreme poverty: **Kerala (1 Nov 2025)**.

7. Quick Revision Points

- Revised Budget 2026-27: CM **V.D. Satheesan**; theme **New Age Kerala**; no new taxes.
- Oommen Chandy Health Insurance: **Rs 25 lakh**. Mission Samudra: **Rs 400 crore, 17 ports**.
- Film City - Kochi | Cultural Park - Kozhikode | Music Academy - Thrissur | Dairy village - Kannur.
- Operation Toofan = anti-drug. Makalkoppam = women's safety. Sidharthan App = anti-ragging.
- One Kerala Karuthal Mission = extreme poverty / illness / education support.
- REC-EMC MoU = **Rs 18,360 crore** pumped storage; Summit at **Kochi**, March 2025.
- Nava Kerala Mission: LIFE, Aardram, Haritha Keralam, Education Mission.
- Kudumbashree 1998 Malappuram; Akshaya 2002 Malappuram.

8. Practice MCQs (30)

Q1. Who presented the revised Kerala Budget 2026-27?

- (a) V.D. Satheesan
- (b) Pinarayi Vijayan
- (c) K.N. Balagopal
- (d) R. Bindu

Q2. Health cover under the Oommen Chandy Health Insurance Scheme per family?

- (a) Rs 5 lakh
- (b) Rs 10 lakh
- (c) Rs 25 lakh
- (d) Rs 50 lakh

Q3. Mission Samudra, announced in the 2026-27 budget, relates to:

- (a) Agriculture
- (b) Maritime / port connectivity
- (c) Education
- (d) Tourism

Q4. Allocation for Mission Samudra:

- (a) Rs 100 crore
- (b) Rs 250 crore
- (c) Rs 400 crore
- (d) Rs 1,000 crore

Q5. Number of ports planned to be connected under the port plan:

- (a) 10
- (b) 13
- (c) 17
- (d) 21

Q6. 'Operation Toofan - The Narco Hunt' is related to:

- (a) Anti-drug campaign
- (b) Flood relief
- (c) Wildlife protection
- (d) Cyber crime

Q7. 'Makalkoppam' aims to:

- (a) Support farmers
- (b) Prevent crimes against women
- (c) Promote sports
- (d) Provide housing

Q8. 'Sidharthan Student Distress App' is linked to:

- (a) Anti-ragging reforms
- (b) Exam results
- (c) Scholarships
- (d) Library services

Q9. One Kerala Karuthal Mission supports people in:

- (a) Extreme poverty
- (b) Tourism sector
- (c) IT parks
- (d) Fisheries export

Q10. J.C. Daniel Film City is proposed at:

- (a) Thrissur
- (b) Kozhikode
- (c) Kochi
- (d) Kannur

Q11. M.T. Cultural Park is proposed at:

- (a) Kozhikode
- (b) Palakkad
- (c) Kollam
- (d) Idukki

Q12. Johnson Music Academy is proposed at:

- (a) Alappuzha
- (b) Thrissur
- (c) Kottayam
- (d) Wayanad

Q13. Dharmadom Vengad Global Dairy Village is in:

- (a) Kasaragod
- (b) Kannur
- (c) Kollam
- (d) Ernakulam

Q14. Kerala Knowledge Valley project allocation in the revised budget:

- (a) Rs 10 crore
- (b) Rs 50 crore
- (c) Rs 100 crore
- (d) Rs 500 crore

Q15. MSME Growth Scheme allocation:

- (a) Rs 25 crore
- (b) Rs 100 crore
- (c) Rs 200 crore
- (d) Rs 400 crore

Q16. KSBCDC organised which welfare outreach event in July 2026?

- (a) Samagra 2026
- (b) Nava Kerala Sadas
- (c) Keralotsavam
- (d) Vijnana Utsav

Q17. KIOTT (organ and tissue transplant institute) is at:

- (a) Kochi
- (b) Kozhikode
- (c) Kollam
- (d) Kottayam

Q18. LIFE Mission stands for:

- (a) Livelihood Inclusion and Financial Empowerment
- (b) Land, Industry, Food and Education
- (c) Local Initiative for Employment
- (d) Livelihood, Infrastructure, Finance, Environment

Q19. Which is NOT a component of Nava Kerala Mission?

- (a) LIFE
- (b) Aardram
- (c) Haritha Keralam
- (d) Kudumbashree

Q20. Kudumbashree was launched in:

- (a) 1990
- (b) 1998
- (c) 2002
- (d) 2016

Q21. India's first e-literate district:

- (a) Ernakulam
- (b) Thrissur
- (c) Malappuram
- (d) Kozhikode

Q22. K-FON stands for:

- (a) Kerala Fibre Optic Network
- (b) Kerala First Online Network
- (c) Kerala Federal Optical Net
- (d) Kerala Fast Online Node

Q23. India's first water metro:

- (a) Kolkata
- (b) Kochi
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Chennai

Q24. Vizhinjam port was commissioned in:

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2019
- (c) 2024 Dec only
- (d) May 2025

Q25. Vizhinjam is India's first:

- (a) Fishing harbour
- (b) Deep-water container transshipment port
- (c) River port
- (d) Naval base

Q26. REC-EMC MoU for pumped storage projects was worth:

- (a) Rs 1,836 crore
- (b) Rs 8,360 crore
- (c) Rs 18,360 crore
- (d) Rs 83,600 crore

Q27. The Global Green Hydrogen & Renewable Energy Summit 2025 was held at:

- (a) Thiruvananthapuram
- (b) Kochi
- (c) Kozhikode
- (d) Thrissur

Q28. India's first technology park, Technopark, is located at:

- (a) Kochi
- (b) Kozhikode
- (c) Thiruvananthapuram
- (d) Palakkad

Q29. Kerala declared internet a basic right in:

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2017
- (c) 2019
- (d) 2023

Q30. Kerala was declared free of extreme poverty on:

- (a) 1 Nov 2025
- (b) 26 Jan 2025
- (c) 15 Aug 2024
- (d) 1 May 2026

Answer Key

1-a | 2-c | 3-b | 4-c | 5-c | 6-a | 7-b | 8-a | 9-a | 10-c | 11-a | 12-b | 13-b | 14-c | 15-b | 16-a | 17-b | 18-a | 19-d | 20-b
| 21-c | 22-a | 23-b | 24-d | 25-b | 26-c | 27-b | 28-c | 29-c | 30-a

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