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# Kerala set to host Global Science Festival

Kerala Capital, is all set to host the Global Science Festival of Kerala (GSFK) starting January 15, promising an extraordinary blend of scientific exploration and artistic brilliance.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan will inaugurate this unique event at the Bio 360 Life Sciences Park on January 15th at 06:00 pm, marking the beginning of a month-long journey into the realms of scientific discoveries and creative innovations.

Covering an impressive 2.5 lakh square feet area, this specially curated science exhibition stands as an unprecedented venture in Asia. It's a collaboration between the Department of Science and Technology, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology, and Environment (KSCSTE), and Amuseum ArtScience, a non-profit public trust, bridging the worlds of science and art, offering visitors an enlightening experience under the theme of 'Life Science.' This festival promises a fusion of artistry and cutting-edge technologies like augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) through a myriad of interactive exhibits.

Some highlights include an immersive model of the universe, a replica of the

HMS Beagle pivotal to Darwin's theory of evolution, a life-size dinosaur skeleton model, an immersive experience depicting the scars of war, a brain mega walk-in, explorations into the evolution of language and vision, and an engaging exploration of the human body.

The festival boasts contributions from various international and national entities like the U.S. Consulate General, the British Council, the German Consulate, Alliance Française, IISER Thiruvananthapuram, CSIR-NIIST, Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technological Museum, etc.

The festival will feature 'Museum of the Moon' and 'Mars' by the British installation artist Luke Jerram; 'Molecular Animation' by Melbourne-based animator Drew Berry; 'Water Matters' by Dr. Douglas Herman (Executive Director, Pacific Worlds Institute), a pavilion curated by the British Council; 'Seeds of Culture' by Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technological Museum in Bangalore; and many more.

Collaborating with the Kerala State Science and Technology Museum, the festival includes programmes like night sky observation. Several international and



national organisations like APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University, Institute of Advanced Virology, KSIDC, CIAL, Indian Oil Corporation, CUSAT, Digital University, Kerala Startup Mission, Kerala State Youth Welfare Board, Kerala Sastra Sahithya Parishad etc., contribute to the festival.

Alongside the science exhibition, the festival will feature a marine aquarium, science conferences, seminars, conclaves, citizen science, a food festival, and a trade fair.

The festival complex is designed to be accessible to

all, with disabled-friendly ramps, etc. A minimum of 8 hours will be required to fully experience the festival.

Tickets for the Global Science Festival of Kerala are priced at Rs 250 for adults and Rs 150 for those under 18. Two-day tickets are also available, costing Rs 400 and Rs 250 for adults and under 18 respectively.

Entry is complimentary for differently-abled individuals and children below 10 years. School groups of over 30 students can avail tickets at Rs 100 per person.

There are also tickets

available for students with meal options. There will be separate ticketing for some special pavilions where there are technical limitations on the maximum number of people.

Advance ticket bookings can be made on the website [www.gsfk.org](http://www.gsfk.org). Tickets can also be availed through Federal Bank who serves as the banking partner of GSFK. Actor Ms. Manju Warrier will kick start the ticket sales on January 1.

The festival will witness many discussions and public lectures. Prof. Morten P. Meldal, Nobel laureate in

Chemistry, will deliver a speech. U.S. Consulate General Chennai is facilitating a NASA-JPL Lecture Series at the Global Science Festival of Kerala - the first of its kind in Kerala where NASA scientists will deliver lectures.

Apart from these, Dr. Madhulika Guhathakurta and Denise Hill (NASA), Dr. Robert Potts (Manchester Metropolitan University), Prof. Michael Wilson (Loughborough University), Dr. Suresh C. Pillai (Atlantic Technological University), Dr. Rajeev Pattathil (Rutherford Appleton Laboratory), Ms. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi M.P., Dr. Rajendra Singh (Magsaysay awardee), Ms. Malini V Shankar IAS (Indian Maritime University) are some of the other eminent speakers scheduled.

Entertainment highlights include a performance by the international indie band Bani Hills and dance shows by Nandita Das, Padmapriya, Navya Nair, Dr. Methil Devika, Asha Sarath, Roopa Ravindran, Paris Laxmi, Meera Nair, Mahalakshmi, Regatta and others. Musical performances by Sithara Krishnakumar and Oorali band will add fervour to the festival.

The lectures and cultural programmes are open to all

and ticketless. Facilities for booking seats at no cost for these events will also be arranged. Inside the festival complex, facility to buy food online and a paid Wi-Fi facility will be provided. All Kerala Caterers' Association will conduct a food festival showcasing tastes from all the 14 districts.

With an anticipated audience of over ten lakh visitors from Kerala and beyond, the festival offers parking for approximately 500 vehicles and will arrange bus transportation from major centres to the festival complex.

Under the patronage of the Chief Minister and chaired by Finance Minister K. N. Balagopal, the festival's activities are overseen by an organising committee led by Dr. K P Sudheer, Ex-Officio Principal Secretary of Science and Technology Department.

Renowned science populariser and teacher, Dr. Vaisakhan Thampi, curates the content of the festival, while sculptor Lakshmanan Komathmanalath and more than thirty artists craft the exhibits. Amuseum ArtScience is a non-profit NGO for the popularization of Art and Science, based at Thiruvananthapuram.

## Year of remarkable achievements in India & abroad

In a year marked by continuous progress and global recognition, Excelsia, a French higher education institution, proudly stands at the forefront of academic excellence. As the group celebrates its 35th anniversary, the schools' commitment to innovation, sustainability, and experiential learning remains unwavering.

The year marked Excelsia Business Schools continued ascent in global rankings. The School achieved the 33rd position in the Financial Times Masters in Management Ranking, advancing 33 places in five years. The Master in Management programme solidified its Top 10 position in France.

Excelsia Business School also climbed to the 54th position, in the *Financial Times* European Business Schools Ranking, nearing the Top 50 in Europe. Acknowledging Excelsia Business Schools bespoke continuing education, the *Financial Times* Customized Executive Education Ranking placed the school in the global Top 50.

In its debut at the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings, dedicated to CSR, Excelsia entered the Top 300 globally and secured the 2nd



position among French management schools. Finally, Excelsia Business School excelled in the first Positive Impact Rating for Business Schools, achieving an immediate Transforming level, placing it among the worlds Top 50 socially and environmentally committed establishments.

For the first time in Excelsia's history, Indian students comprise the third largest group of international students at Excelsia, with a 50% increase from the pre-pandemic 2019-2020 academic year. Excelsia welcomes 50 new Indian students for the 2023-2024 academic year, solidifying its global appeal.

Excelsia announced a collaboration with NSB Academy in Bangalore, commencing in September 2023. The partnership focuses on a graduate bridging program, allowing Indian students

to begin their studies in India and complete them in France.

A study by Excelsia Professor Amitabh Anand delves into the phenomena of "quiet quitting" and "quiet firing" in Indian corporate sector. This research sheds light on the silent disengagement of employees and intentional employer practices leading to resignations.

In a strategic move, Excelsia solidified its presence in Paris by acquiring the premises of its Paris Cachan campus. This 25 million investment marks a pivotal step in Excelsia's development strategy, establishing its fourth campus and underscoring its commitment to providing top-notch facilities for its growing student community in Paris.

Excelsia Business School introduced a Master of Science programme

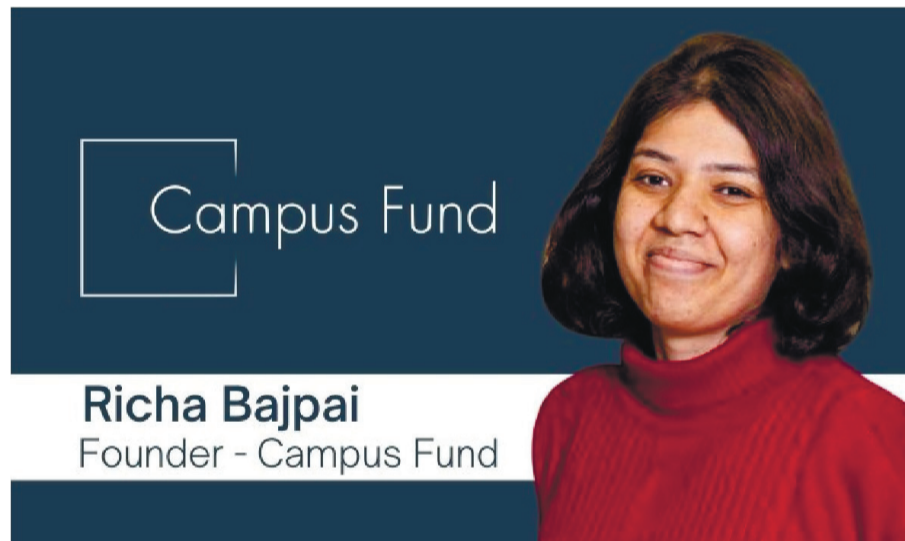
dedicated to Luxury and Creative Industries at its Paris campus, starting September 2023. This MSc in Global Luxury and Creative Industries Management offers a comprehensive understanding of the luxury industry, from design to sales.

In June 2023, the business school launched the Blue Education Experience, an initiative integrating water sustainability into its pedagogical framework. This holistic approach encompasses interdisciplinary research, an exemplary approach on campuses, and a commitment to addressing ecological and social transition challenges.

Excelsia Tourism School unveiled a strategic overhaul, featuring a revised structure, enhanced educational offerings, and dedicated support for industry innovation.

Excelsia's journey in 2023 reflects its unwavering commitment to academic excellence, sustainability, and global collaboration. The group remains dedicated to shaping future leaders equipped to address the challenges of a dynamic world. Heres to a future marked by continued success, impact, and transformative education.

## Student-led start-ups' fund oversubscribed



Richa Bajpai  
Founder - Campus Fund

Campus Fund which announced its second fund of Rs. 75 crore in July 2022 to fuel student-led start-ups, shared that its Fund II has been oversubscribed by 37%.

The fund garnered substantial support from a diverse range of investors including Large Institutions, Family Offices, Industry Veterans, Entrepreneurs, and Fund Managers amongst others with 54% capital coming from Institutions plus Family offices and 46% coming from Ultra HNIs, with 90% of the total capital being domestic.

Campus Fund was founded by Richa Bajpai in July 2020, while she was studying at the London Business School. Richa started her first startup in her own Dorm

Room back in 2009 called NextGen in the Renewable Energy space, followed by co-founding Goodera in 2014 which is backed by Zoom Ventures, Nexus Venture Partners, Elevation Capital, Omidyar Network, Binny Bansal of Flipkart, Ursula Burns of Xerox amongst others.

Reflecting on the journey thus far, Richa said, "Campus Fund is a testament to the latent potential of student founders, who are poised to rule the global roster in the coming few decades. As Campus Fund, we have the largest sourcing and screening engine with more than 60 Students across India, in search for the next Steve Jobs building out of Indian campuses."

S. Ramann chairman MD of SIDBI, said, "We are extremely delighted to support Campus Fund, as they are creating entrepreneurs, going to ground zero and finding those hidden gems in universities this will be integral to propel India towards its ambition of becoming the Startup Hub of the World and the third largest economy."

Campus Fund has been investing in student founders since November 2020 and has backed 23 Student-led Startups after evaluating 7000 of them. Some notable investments include Digantara (Google Maps for space), Sama (platform for dispute resolution), GreenGrah (insect-based protein), amongst others.

Richa added, "The whole Indian Education Machinery is working towards creating Student Entrepreneurs and we as Campus Fund are yearning to scale up and power more Student Entrepreneurs."

## Apeejay integrates eco activities in curriculum

An IB School committed to environmental awareness action Apeejay School International (IB School) has seamlessly integrated environmental stewardship into its academic and extracurricular fabric. Embedded in its various IB programmes is a deep commitment to community service, which engage students in service projects, fostering societal contributions.

In a collaborative ventures with CNN under 'CNN-CALL to EARTH,' ASI advocates for resolving global issues through



diverse and impactful projects. From Clean Water is Luxury to 'Social Good (PRO BONO PUBLICO),' proactive solutions showcase the commitment through initiatives like the Call to Earth focusing on Living

Oceans: Turning the Tides, documenting the environmental impact of cultural practices on the Yamuna River.

ASI's initiatives are diverse, ranging from promoting sustainable practices like waste reduction and energy conservation to engaging in community-driven projects such as tree planting, cleanliness drives, and awareness campaigns.

The ASI Ecologist Club, in Our Shared Home project, pledges sustainable practices, emphasizing a green Diwali amid

rising air pollution. The Schools multiple endeavours underscores its dedication to raising global awareness about the entire environmental ecosystem.

Apeejay School International, offers renowned International Baccalaureate (IB) PYP, MYP and Diploma programmes. The curriculum, designed to keep students ahead of their age groups, is informed by extensive research and powered by technology.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Mr.G.K. Gopa Kumar, S/o. (Late) Madavan Pillai residing at No.53, V. N. Doss Road, Mount Road, Chennai -600 002, do hereby State that following Property pertaining to my Client (1) Sale Agreement between my Client and C.Servaraj Baskaran age 56/2015, S/o. (Late) Chellaiah Nadar. Hindu residing at No.53, Karuppanna Gounder, Layout, Peelamedu, Coimbatore, Registered as Document No.1033/2015, in Sub - Register Adyar -Chennai Immovable Property (Land) as 20 April 2015, and (2) Another Document Settlement Deed between family members & Mr. C.Servaraj Baskaran age 56/2015 S/o. (Late) Chellaiah Nadar. which was Registered as Settlement Deed Document No.334/2015 Sub - Registered Coonor Viruthu Nagar, an 05.02.2015, have been lost, while my Client Shifting his Office and residing from V.N.Doss Road, an My 1st Month 2021. The Original Two Document bearing No.1033/2015, and 334/2015 was Missing near V.N.Doss Road, Chennai -600 002. All effects were made to Search the above Two Documents in Spite of his best efforts, if traced, may be intimate to the under mentioned.

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07.01.2024

Form no INC-26  
(Pursuant to rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014)  
Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for change of registered office of the company from one State to another BEFORE THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, SOUTHERN REGION, CHENNAI IN THE MATTER OF SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 13 OF COMPANIES ACT, 2013, AND CLAUSE (A) OF SUB-RULE (5) OF RULE 30 OF THE COMPANIES (INCORPORATION) RULES, 2014 AND IN THE MATTER OF KKR INDIA ASSET FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT REGUS CITY CENTRE, LEVEL 6, 10/11 DR. RADHAKRISHNA SALAI CHENNAI 600004, TAMIL NADU .....PETITIONER

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the KKR India Asset Finance Private Limited ("Company") proposes to make application to the Regional Director under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Annual general meeting held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2023, to enable the company to change its Registered office from "Tamil Nadu, Chennai" to the "State of Maharashtra, Mumbai".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal ([www.mca.gov.in](http://www.mca.gov.in)) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the concerned Regional Director, Southern Region, Chennai, at the address 5th Floor, Shastri Bhawan, 26 Haddows Road, Chennai-600006, Tamil Nadu, within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the petitioner company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:

For and on behalf of the Petitioner  
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