

# **A NEW AGENDA FOR KERALA ECONOMY**

**(A collection of selected essays presenting the desirable  
course of action for the future development of Kerala)**

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### About the book

This book discusses various 'shifts' that Kerala economy has undergone in recent times. Some shifts are desirable for the future of Kerala while some other shifts are undesirable. The book encompasses articles on structural changes in Kerala, old-age dependency, changing sex ratio, and infrastructural changes. A common thread underlying all articles is that there is an impending demand for evolving a new agenda for Kerala's future development. This book would be useful for scholars, researchers, students and policymakers who have interest in studies on Kerala Economy.



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# Performance of Food Processing Industries in Kerala

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## Abstract:

*The strengthening of interdependence between productive sectors in an economy is necessary for the growth of these sectors and thus the formation of a strong based economy. The term value addition in agriculture is a process of increasing the economic value and consumer appeal of an agricultural commodity. It is basically an alternative production and marketing strategy. The secondary agriculture sector is regarded as a potential sector for the Kerala economy, which is not yet tapped at its capacity. Performance evaluation of Food Processing Industries gives light in to the importance of this sector in our state economy. All sub sectors of Food Processing Industries in organized sector showed a considerable growth in output during 2005-2012. While number of factories and gross capital formation increased, labour force in FPIs declined to great extent during the same period. This shows changing input structure of this industry towards capital intensive techniques and increasing industrial efficiency in terms of output input ratio. Also the productivity of inputs, labour and capital is considerably high.*

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## Introduction:

India is a fertile bed for food processing industries to grow and flourish. It is a richly endowed agricultural nation; ranks first in the production of milk and dairy products, second in cereals, fruits and vegetables and also third in fish and marine products. With such a