

Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE)

□□□□ **Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE)**, formerly IT@School Project, was formed in 2001-02 to fuel ICT enabled education in the schools in the State. IT@School was transformed in to KITE in August 2017.

KITE is the first SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle) Company of the Education Department of the State. KITE also became the first SPV to get funded by Kerala Infrastructure And Investment Fund Board (KIIFB), the apex body for monitoring all the projects envisaged by the Govt. The hitherto scope of General Education Sector has now been extended further with KITE being positioned to fuel ICT support to Higher Education sector also including Arts & Science, Engineering colleges and Universities.

[IT@School was](#) formed in 2001, as a Project under General Education Department, to inculcate IT activities in Higher School sections in the State. The first breakthrough of [IT@School came](#) in 2005 when Information Technology was made a compulsory subject in Std 10. The launch of EDUSAT operations and broadband connectivity to schools commenced since then, the VICTERS channel operated by [IT@School was](#) the first Complete Educational Channel in the Country. By effectively making use of the Centrally sponsored 'ICT at School' scheme, [IT@School provided](#) ICT infrastructure to 4071 schools during 2007- 2012. In 2016, [IT@School re-initiated](#) the ICT intervention in Lower Primary and Upper Primary sections, by launching exclusive ICT Textbooks viz; Kalipetti and [e@Vidya](#). As many as 1.50 Lakh teachers from Std 1 to 12 has been empowered with ICT skills, enabling them to transact their subjects more effectively using ICT tools.

[IT@School amply](#) supplemented the State Government's Public Education Rejuvenation Mission with initiatives such as Samagra Content Portal, Sampoorana School Management software and SchoolWiki which connects 15,000 schools for collaborative content development process. A major recent highlight of [IT@School was](#) the 'Hi School Kuttikootam' programme under which over 1 lakh students are being provided specialized

trainings in 5 different areas such as Animation, Cyber Safety, Hardware, Electronics and Malayalam computing. Through the transformation to a full-fledged Company under the Government, KITE has now more scope and authority for implementing various ICT programmes, when compared to the earlier Project mode of operation. KITE has already started the implementation of Hi-Tech school programme of the Education Department, by which 45000 classrooms in 4775 schools are being made Hi-Tech, for which KIIFB has already approved a funding of Rs.493.50 Crores.

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