Event Name	Southern Kerala Economic Corridor (SKEC) - Stakeholder Workshop on the Corridor Vision and Strategic Goals
Event date	3rd November 2026
Event venue	Hilton Gareden In, Thiruvananthapuram
Details of the event	The Southern Kerala Economic Corridor (SKEC) is a macro-development blueprint announced in the Kerala Budget (June 2026), envisaged to integrate three southern districts of Kerala into a unified strategic economic zone. The corridor is structured around three distinct development zones, each focusing on the region's existing economic strengths and future growth potential: Zone 1 – Thiruvananthapuram: Envisaged as Kerala's primary hub for knowledge, innovation and space technology. Zone 2 – Kollam: Proposed as a centre for critical mineral processing and rare earth industries, leveraging the region's rich beach sand deposits containing minerals such as titanium and zirconium. Zone 3 – Alappuzha: Envisaged as India's Blue Economy capital, with a focus on fisheries, marine-based industries and coastal logistics. The overarching objective of SKEC is to accelerate regional economic growth, generate quality employment opportunities for young people and attract private investment by strengthening sectors in which the region already has a competitive advantage. The workshop commenced with an introductory address by the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Sri. Muhammed Haneesh, IAS, followed by a brief presentation by Grant Thornton outlining the concept and proposed framework of the Southern Kerala Economic Corridor. Subsequently, the participants were divided into seven thematic groups to deliberate on the existing challenges, identify development opportunities and suggest strategies for transforming SKEC into a future-oriented and sustainable

	economic corridor. The groups were organized around the following themes: 1: SKEC – Governance and Financing 2: Port-led Development 3: Critical Minerals 4: Tourism 5: Knowledge and Talent 6: Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) 7: Land and City Regions The group discussions focused on identifying existing constraints, exploring potential interventions and generating innovative ideas to shape the future development of the corridor. The deliberations aimed to ensure an integrated approach to economic development, infrastructure planning, investment mobilization and regional connectivity. The workshop concluded with a panel discussion involving Secretaries to the Government, providing an opportunity to discuss the key issues, suggestions and strategic considerations emerging from the group deliberations.
Number of females	10
Number of males	30
Number of trans genders	NA
Number of children	Nil
Resource person/organizer from the side of SDMA/DDMA	Ms. Amrutha, Hazard Analyst Ms. Sree Kavya GIS Specialist