

## KILA

Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) was established in 1990 under the initiative of the Department of Local Self Government, Govt. of Kerala. The Institute was initially set up with the corpus fund contributed by the Local Self Governments of Kerala. Undertaking training, research, documentation, consultancy and policy advocacy have been the basic objective of the Institution. At present, the Institute has the mandate to train elected representatives, officials and other stakeholders of decentralized planning and governance like CBOs, NGOs etc. KILA is carrying out a wide range of programmes with the collaboration of international agencies like UNICEF Swiss Development Co-operation (SDC), UNDP UN-HABITAT and world bank. It is the declared goal of KILA to play a significant role at international level to promote the cause of local self governance. KILA's initiatives for strengthening decentralized governance have been selected for Best Practices Award in 2004 instituted jointly by Dubai Municipality and UN-HABITAT.

KILA offers courses in Kerala's decentralizations in regional languages of India. This is primarily to meet the training needs of the participants from other Indian states. With this purpose, KILA has translated several documents into English and other languages like Hindi, Tamil, Bengali and Kannada. KILA organizes national level course in decentralized governance every three months for the elected representatives of local bodies, officials, administrators, academicians, NGO's and social activists of other Indian States.

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