

## **THRISSUR DECLARED AS LEARNING CITY**

Thrissur has been officially declared as a Learning City under UNESCO.

On November 7, 2022, Honorable Minister for Local Self Government Shri M.B. Rajesh officially declared Thrissur as a Learning city.

Learning City is a joint venture in partnership with Thrissur Municipal Corporation, Kerala Institute for Local Administration (KILA), and School of Architecture and Planning, Govt.Engineering College Thrissur with an aim to facilitate learning, build awareness and undertake actions around the areas of sustainability and regeneration, waste management, local history and heritage, traditional knowledge systems and more, to aid localisation and promote an active citizenry in the city.

On the occasion Dr. R. Bindu the Honorable Minister for Higher Education formally announced a Tie up program which brings an opportunity for young, dynamic student planners (TIE-UP Fellows) to contribute to the development of local self-governing bodies by promoting urban planning and also the Real play city challenge. Sri. M.K. Varghese (Honourable Mayor of Thrissur), Dr. Ranjini Bhattathiripad T. (Principal, Government Engineering College Thrissur) and Dr. Joy Elamon (KILA Director General) and various other dignitaries were also present on the occasion. 18 M.Plan students of School of Architecture and Planning, GEC Thrissur will work on city development initiatives alongside council members under the guidance of KILA Urban Chair and the Head of the Department.

The M.Plan (batch 2020–22) students worked on the project, "Envisioning Thrissur as a Learning City," under the guidance of Associate Prof. Bindu C.A. (Head of the Department) and Ar. Devika K.C., which enabled the Thrissur Corporation to earn the prestigious designation of "Learning City." Thrissur has also been selected for the Global Designing Cities Initiative, Street for Kids leadership accelerator programs which aims to inspire leaders, inform practitioners, and empower communities to make cities around the world better for children and their caregivers.





