



Declaration

I am delighted to declare today, on the 15th of June 2023, that we, the Kochi Municipal Corporation in the district of Ernakulam, Kerala State, are dedicated to becoming an "Age-friendly" city. With nearly 16.5% of population aged 60 and above, surpassing the national average, we recognize the significance of this demographic shift and the challenges it brings. In line with the age-friendly framework proposed by the World Health Organization, the Kochi Municipal Corporation is committed to promoting the well-being and active participation of older citizens, fostering their integration within society and addressing intergenerational gaps.

Furthermore, we are determined to develop a network of interested stakeholders in Kochi and also within and outside Kerala and also internationally along with the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities. We will contribute to the development of knowledge in the field by sharing our progress through assessment reports, action plans, and monitoring and evaluation reports that can be accessed through a dedicated age friendly website (to be developed). We will be organizing meetings for network members at various levels to facilitate collaboration and learning. As part of our commitment, we will share our experiences from recent age-friendly activities and events with the Network, fostering knowledge exchange and seeking opportunities for collaboration wherever possible.

By signing this declaration, we affirm our dedication to building an age-friendly city where older citizens are valued and their needs are met. We are committed to the safety and security of our older citizens, protecting them from any sort of abuse and exploitation. We pledge to consider the ageing population in all the policies and programs developed and implemented by us and actively engage in the dissemination of knowledge, foster collaboration, and contribute to the collective effort of creating age-friendly environments globally. Together, we can create a society that respects and supports people of all ages, ensuring a better future for generations to come.

Mayor

Kochi Municipal Corporation