



GOVERNMENT OF KERALAM

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Electronics & Information Technology (C) Department

Thiruvananthapuram,

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CIRCULAR

Sub: Electronics & Information Technology Department - Alteration of name of the State from “Kerala” to “Keralam” – Updating of Government websites, portals, applications and other digital systems – Instructions – reg

- Ref: 1. Circular No. 384/SC1/2026/GAD (SC) dated 29.08.2026 issued by the Chief Secretary, Government of Keralam
2. Kerala (Alteration of Name) Act, 2026

In the Circular first cited, all Departments have been directed to implement the alteration of the name of the State from “Kerala” to “Keralam” in a phased and economical manner, without avoidable or wasteful expenditure. The Electronics & Information Technology Department has also been directed to take necessary action for incorporating the revised State name in IT-enabled systems without creating unnecessary financial liability.

Accordingly, all Administrative Departments, Heads of Departments, subordinate offices, public sector undertakings, autonomous bodies, boards, corporations and other institutions under Government control shall follow the instructions below in respect of the digital systems owned, operated or maintained by them.

1. Updating of current digital references

The current official/display reference to the State in Government

websites, web portals, online applications, mobile applications, dashboards, digital forms/templates, e-mail signatures and similar current digital content shall be updated from “Kerala” to “Keralam” / “കേരളം”, wherever such change can be carried out through normal content/configuration changes or routine maintenance.

2. No avoidable expenditure

No unnecessary or avoidable additional expenditure shall be incurred solely for implementing the change of State name. Existing digital infrastructure, applications, licenses, hosting arrangements, domains, e-mail systems or other technical assets shall not be replaced merely for the purpose of name change. Any proposal involving material additional expenditure shall be examined separately in accordance with the directions contained in the Chief Secretary’s Circular and applicable financial procedures.

3. Existing domains, URLs and e-mail addresses

Existing domain names, URLs and official e-mail addresses need not be changed solely on account of the alteration of the State name where such change entails additional expenditure, avoidable disruption or technical risk. New domains, websites, applications and digital assets created hereafter shall use the revised State name, wherever applicable. Where an existing domain or URL is changed as part of an approved migration, renewal or normal system upgrade, suitable redirection/forwarding shall be maintained so that existing links, bookmarks and communications continue to function.

4. System identifiers, data and historical records

Existing database keys, State codes, application identifiers and

other technical identifiers shall not be changed merely because the display name of the State has changed, unless technically or legally required. Historical records, archived content, earlier Government Orders, certificates and other valid digital records containing the name “Kerala” shall be preserved and shall not be overwritten solely for nomenclature correction. Where required for search or interoperability, “Kerala” may continue to be recognised as a legacy reference.

5. Service continuity, security and testing

All changes shall be carried out without loss of data and with minimum disruption to citizen services. Departments shall ensure appropriate backup, testing and security checks before making changes to production systems. Wherever domains, certificates, SSO, APIs or other system integrations are affected, the concerned technical teams shall ensure that connectivity, authentication and external integrations continue to function correctly.

6. New digital content and future changes

All new digital content, templates, reports, websites, applications and other digital assets created after the effective date shall use “Keralam” / “കേരളം” as the current State name. In systems undergoing scheduled enhancement, renewal or technology migration, the revised name shall be incorporated as part of the normal change process, without separate avoidable expenditure.

7. Departmental responsibility and coordination

Each Administrative Department shall ensure compliance in respect of the digital assets and institutions under its control and may nominate an existing officer/functionary for coordination, without

creation of any additional post or establishment. Kerala State IT Mission shall provide common technical guidance and coordination, wherever required. State Data Centre / KSWAN and other shared-service providers shall extend necessary support within the existing arrangements.

8. Exceptional cases

Any case requiring a major technical change, additional financial commitment, or action dependent on a Central Government system or external service provider shall be taken up separately by the concerned Department with the Electronics & Information Technology Department / Kerala State IT Mission, as appropriate. Such cases shall not delay simple content/display changes that can be completed without additional expenditure.

The implementation shall therefore be gradual, service-neutral and expenditure-conscious, consistent with the directions of the Chief Secretary. No existing digital asset shall be discarded, replaced or re-procured solely for the purpose of changing the State name unless there is a clear administrative, technical, legal or security requirement.

These instructions shall come into force immediately.

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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

Forwarded / By order,

Section Officer.

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1. All Additional Chief Secretaries / Principal Secretaries / Secretaries to Government.
2. All Heads of Departments.
3. All Departments of the Secretariat.(through E-office Notice Board)
4. The Managing Directors / Chief Executives of all Public Sector Undertakings, Boards, Corporations, Companies and Autonomous Bodies.
5. The Director, Kerala State IT Mission – for technical coordination and support.
6. The State Data Centre / Kerala State Wide Area Network (KSWAN) authorities.
7. All Departmental Nodal Officers / Application Owners / System Integrators concerned.
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