

Government Committed to Encouraging NBFCs: Mani

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Kochi: New regulations in the non-banking financial sector have helped companies regain their goodwill among the public, Finance Minister K M Mani said on Thursday.

He said this while inaugurating the Annual General Meet of Kerala Non-Banking Financial Companies (KNBFC) Association here.

"People are not getting credit from banking sector owing to technical hurdles, but NBFCs are filling this

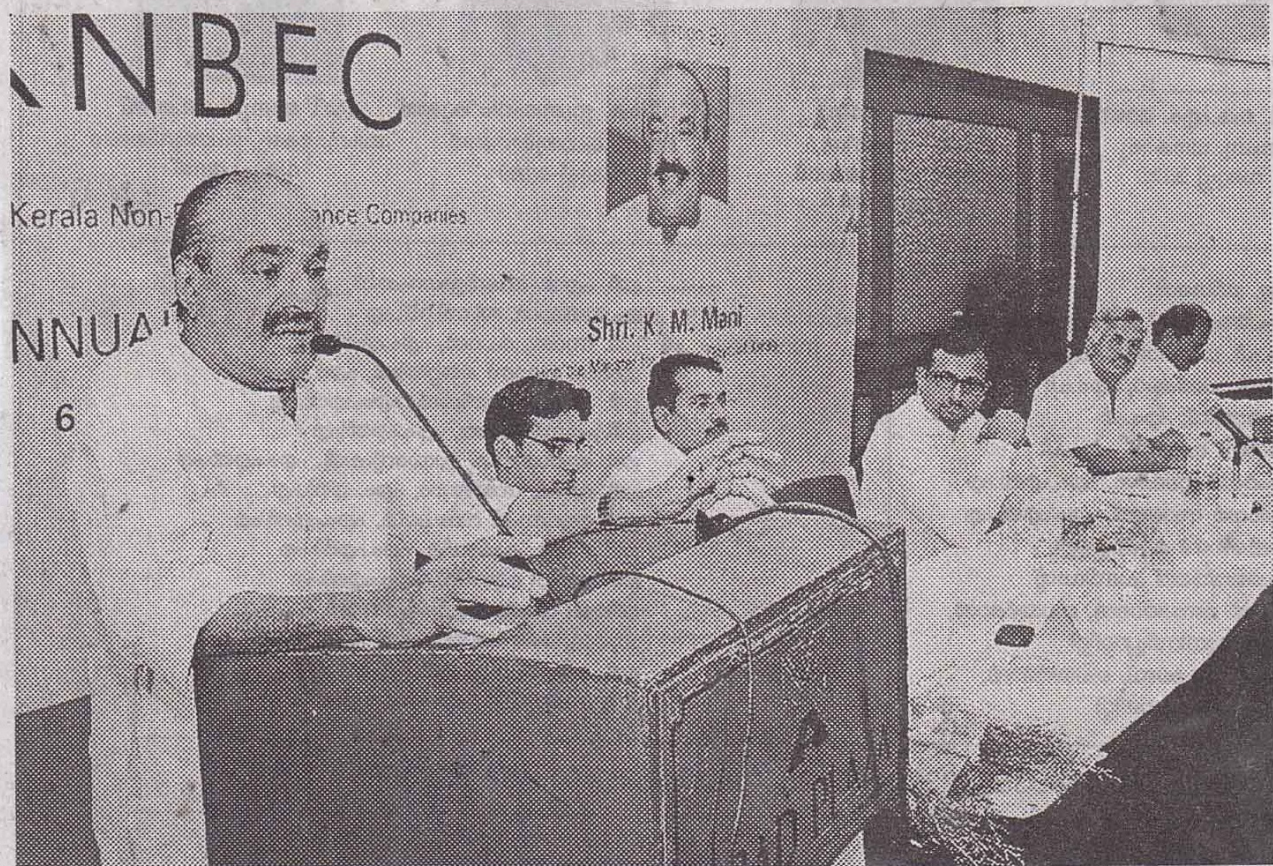
gap. Banks face problems to expand their presence to rural areas, there NBFCs come to the rescue of the rural masses. The state government is committed to encourage the sector," the minister said.

Mani pointed out that financial inclusion means providing credit to the needy at an affordable rate.

"Earlier there were complaints about NBFCs in the state of charging exorbitant interest rate. But the recent legislation in the Kerala Assembly was able to curb it,"

he said. Thomas George Muthoot, KNBFC chairman, said over the years the NBFC sector has not only grown in size, but also in terms of interconnectedness and systemic importance.

Anil K Sharma, General Manager, Reserve Bank of India; Shreedhar Prasad, Director, risk consultant at KPMG; Kurian C George, vice-chairman, KNBFC; George Alexander Muthoot, managing director, Muthoot Finance, and V P Nandakumar, chairman, Manapuram Group, also spoke.



Finance Minister K M Mani inaugurating the annual general meet of Non-Banking Finance Companies Association in Kochi on Thursday