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Building a New Kerala:
From a Student's Perspective

The world faces many problems throughout its existence. To build a new world, is to get rid of ; or atleast solve and reduce the problems and issues faced by the people. The same applies to Kerala as well. No region in this world is free from issues. Kerala is definitely a part of this category as it faces the common issues that prevail in other parts of India; and the world. Government-related issues, academic issues, occupational issues, etc. are just some of the few issues faced by Kerala. Therefore, it is necessary to address these issues and educate the people of the state on these issues.



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Academic problems

Vladimir Lenin says that there are three responsibilities that a student should have.

They are :

- 1) To study
- 2) To study
- 3) To study.

As a student, school and studies take up a good amount of our childhood. Therefore, it is necessary to give proper education to the students in order for them to thrive in their passionate fields. A student, in his academic career, has the responsibility to study, not by burning the midnight oil, one or two nights before the examination, but through constant preparation. The recent question paper



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leakage has impacted students negatively, not in the present situation, but ^{will} in the ~~past~~ future. The student who studies the day before the exam through the leaked questions, scores much better than the constant workaholic. It may benefit him in the short term but doesn't when it comes to the long run. The student then goes on to pursue higher education by attempting the JEE / NEET / CUET examinations and fails to compete with his CBSE companions who have constant preparation throughout their studious career. As a student, we can definitely cure this 'disease', as people call it, by practicing honesty and self-control. Honestly taking examinations and having self-control to resist the leaked papers can have a great positive impact on our future. And when the students, who are the gem of any



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region, rise; they increase the reputation of that region, here being Kerala.

English proficiency

English is considered a global language and is one among the most widely spoken languages in the entire world. In order to converse with people from other states or foreign countries, a student needs to know English fluently. Or else, the foreigner will sound like gibberish to us and vice versa. Being able to compete with other people through English proficiency helps us to land better jobs; thereby increasing the ~~score~~ "brand name" of our state. This is our responsibility and should be done without ignoring our native language.



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Occupational difficulties

Landing jobs is a hard task, if you don't have the skills required. The Keralite youth faces a kind of 'herculean task' when it comes to getting jobs; when in reality it's not. We should be able to land jobs that satisfi^{ies} our needs. This is acquired through education. Education better the technological know-how and improves the skills of the person. This leads to securing of jobs and better standard of living through increased purchasing power. When people spend more, the income of the government ~~increases~~ ^{sky} and sky rockets and they can establish things needed for the development of the state. So, as students, we should develop the skills needed to secure jobs for the development of



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the state.

Filling in positions/jobs that no one else wants can also help. In regions like Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, etc. there is a massive shortage of teachers which leads to teachers teaching subjects that they aren't quite familiar with. In one of Mohak Mangal's videos regarding the educational situation of India, it can be seen that Math teachers evaluate many other subjects such as English, science, etc. due to the shortage of teachers. This leads to cheating and dishonesty in examinations. This may be becoming a reality in Kerala as well. Filling in teaching positions can also help the next generation of the state to secure better skills and jobs and thereby leading to the development



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of the state.

Government-related issues

We have seen earlier that better purchasing power leads to an increase in income of the government. The real problem is how the government spends the money of the people. It should be utilized for the development of the state; not for unnecessary expenditure such as over-spending on military equipments, for projects that don't improve society, etc. We, as students, can raise our voices whenever the government spends unnecessarily. Creating awareness, educating the youth, etc. can be done to achieve development of the state through necessary expenditure of the government.



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It is also the government's responsibility to lead the drug-addicted youth in the right direction. People loved the time period when Omman Bhaandi was the chief minister of Kerala. That is because he worked for the closing of bare and liquor shops in the state which lead to many families being relieved because the husband or father-in-law wasn't drunk when he reached home. This can be brought back by us, the students, by creating awareness, educating the youth and children, conducting anti-drug rallies and marches, etc.

Extra-curricular / Athletic skills

Our academic career shouldn't only be conjested in books or grades. Students should



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develop an athletic skill as well as maintaining their grades. An athletic skill leads to the development of confidence and leadership quality in students. Athletic progress of a state leads to the increase in fame of the state and country. An example for this is the brilliant win of ~~Gukesh~~ GM Gukesh Dommaraju in Chess. Gukesh became the world's youngest chess champion at the age of 18. This incredible feat increased the fame of Chennai, his hometown, and India. Like this, Kerala can also become well-known through athletics or extra-curricular activities. It is the duty of the students to participate in various competitions including the Kalolsavam, the Sakhtholsavam, the Kayikolsavam, etc. and achieve victories increasing the fame of the state.



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The great poet Shakespeare says in his inimitable style:

The patient dies while the physician sleeps

The orphan pines while the oppressor feeds

Justice is feasting while the widow weeps

Avarice is sparkling while infection breeds

Virtue lies in acting at the right time. Action delayed is action denied. For want of a shoe, the battle should not be lost. If there is a dent in your dress, you shall mend it before it's too late. If there is a hole in the dam, you must close it before it widens and floods the area.

We must act at the right time; and that ~~is~~ is now. We must act now and educate the youth and children on the issues in society, and help build a new Kerala. Make hay while the sun shines.