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WHAT WE AS STUDENTS CAN DO TO BUILD A NEW KERALA?

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INTRODUCTION

“Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.”

— John F. Kennedy

Kerala, the God's own country is sketched with the beautiful mountains, lush green, tradition, cultures, cuisine



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and literacy. Today we stand as the epitome of humanity and unity. Kerala is not a state, it's an experience. "Today's children are tomorrow's leaders"

As a part of India, Kerala has highest youth population ever. Therefore, it's the collective responsibility of the students of Kerala to transform it into a "modern, youthful New Kerala".

⊙ A GLIMPSE INTO THE JOURNEY OF KERALA

Since time immemorial, Kerala was moulded with the superstitious beliefs, caste and gender inequalities. Later, the colonials left behind a weak Kerala. With the conducive measures and collective efforts, we rebuilt an



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unbreakable Kerala. Various social reformers like Sri-Narayana Guru, Ayyankali, Vaikom Muhammed Basheer, etc. have played a pivotal role for achieving this aim.

In this era of information, with ^{the} highest literacy rate, Kerala has opened the portal for the plethora of innovations and technological advancements.

During 2018 Kerala flood, Covid-19 pandemic and Wayanad landslide triggered during the early hours of ~~Fe~~ July 30 2024, we joined our hands without any discrimination and proved that the "unity is our strength."

"We are strong as we ^{are} united
and weak as we ^{are} divided"

— Kamala Harris

At this threshold of the achievements



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also as a students we are facing an array of hurdles in the way to achieve the New Kerala mission.

① WHEN THE FOUNDATION OF DEVELOPMENT CRACKS

"Technology is a useful servant, but a dangerous master"

- Christian Louis Lange

In a hall full of people are just immersed in their mobile phones without talking each other. The unprecedented rise in social media users has adversely affected our social relations. Through these sites international drug dealers are in contact with the local intonicians vendors of our society to sell this to the students.

"Drugs take you to hell, disguised as



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heaven" — Donald Lynn Frost

Kerala is not a 'lunatic assylum'
but the "paradise of intoxicants"

Modernity took away our modesty

A report of 2022 estimates that 35,000
youth has migrated to abroad in Kerala
"Brain Drain" is the social cancer of our
time. Westernization is the culture that
devours our culture. Our tradition has
eroded. Due to the innumerable migration
Kerala's development is degrading. With
the lack of faculties, doctors, engineers
etc institutions are in utter misery

Youth is following the
western culture of "old age homes" in
Kerala. Various such institutions under
constructions are looked completely now.



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"Nature is for man's need, not for man's greed" — M.K. Gandhi
Man has become selfish. He has connected with machines and disconnected with the nature. That's the sparkplug of various natural calamities in Kerala.

"Media has the power to make the innocent guilty and the guilty innocent"
Kerala's media has been biased. There are the hidden hands of politics and religion behind each media.

Moreover, Road accidents are the dreadful concern now. 6 MBBS students, 4 8th-grade students, 14 people in Tharkhand etc had were the victims of road accidents.

Amidst the ruin lies an opportunity to forge a future of possibilities and the culture of New Kerala.



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Instead of turning this issue a slippery slope, we must start our journey today.

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today"

- H. Jackson

① A HOLISTIC APPROACH FOR A
NEW KERALA

"Development is not about constructing dams and roads, it's about its' people"

— Jawaharlal Nehru

The first and foremost thing is to change the mindset of people through education.

"Education is the movement from darkness to light" — Alan Bloom

As a student we can take initiatives in our schools to conduct the



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awareness classes. Vimukthi Club is the anti-narcotics campaign implemented by the state of Kerala. We can be an active participant in this mission to eradicate drugs.

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is one of the campaign by the central government of India for cleanliness. Therefore, by as a part of this, we can conduct beach, roads and surrounding clean-ups day for an anti-polluted Kerala.

"Social media is the ultimate equaliser it gives a voice and a platform anyone willing to engage" - Amy Jo

We can share our views, opinions etc and can also participate in initiatives like PRAHARI (an online platform for drug-free Kerala),



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Young scientists for disaster reduction etc. we can just think that we are born and brought up in Kerala and our valuable services will enhance Kerala's development. This thought will reduce Brain Drain.

Encouraging solar plants, lighting switching off light and fan when not in use and buying eco-friendly resources reduces climate change and pollution. We can enhance our reading without vaping through social medias. As students we can participate in various artforms and art festivals to ameliorate our hidden talent we must develop a culture of honesty and truth within our hearts to curb and control biased media and politics in our future.



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We can initiate various clubs like rescue team, charity club, literature club, sports meet etc. We must have the courage to tell NO to intoxication.

In this growing era of Artificial Intelligence, 85% of current jobs will be eroded soon and will accelerate the rise of unemployment. Therefore, ~~today~~ our schools can follow the 21st century soft skills to intersect technology and humanity. These skills include flexibility, leadership, initiative, productivity, social skills, communication, collaboration, creativity, media, technology and information literacy.

However, in this era of gender inequality in Kerala, we must learn to give them respect, support



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and care. Girls must not be ~~see~~ restricted with family superstitious laws and boys ~~we~~ must not ~~see~~ weighed with demands. Both must ~~we~~ have equal rights.

We must be aware about the words of Hanou Ibrahim that "If I destroy nature, I destroy myself." Let's ~~we~~ no to deforestation, land levelling and mining etc and reconnect ourselves with nature.

Our education systems can also be more practical than ~~go~~ going behind grades.

As a student, it's ~~our~~ ^{my} responsibility, to lend my hands to the society and work for it regaining our Kerala back.



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CONCLUSION

"My life has been an utter failure, I think I would try the true science in this country, but all we have is a legion camp followers for the west"

— Sir C.V Raman

With the huge cohort of youth, we can build a new Kerala. Attaining it's not as it is not an utopian fantasy, but a tangible goal. We can achieve this only with the unity in our diversities.

I dream a ^{new} Kerala,

A modern youthful Kerala,

A united Kerala is where,

Poverty and illiteracy are history,

Education becomes the priority.



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women and children live with symphony
Wildlife ^{and} technology work with integrity

"Let's begin, restart ourselves with a
more bec long and better but a
beautiful world ahead"

— Martin Luther King Jr