

## CLASS ROOM = CHANGE ROOM



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It was a late evening, a young man was lying on the side of a beach road and he was vomiting due to over-drinking of alcohol. Meantime, around him, four dogs were licking the vomit from his mouth very happily like a feast and then cleaning perfectly his mouth also with sense of gratitude. This shameful scene (In Tamil: Naai Nakkal) was accidentally and unfortunately witnessed by an old man, a retired teacher, and identified the young man as one of his old student. At that moment he was so worried about him and asked himself as what was the wrong in his teaching, for making his student to become drunkard? Because he was able to produce many engineers, teachers, doctors, priests, lawyers; etc in the community, but failed to change this drunkard student. Now, how many teachers can ask the same question, if they happen to face such a situation?

### What for Education?

Change is the sign of development. Education is an instrument for cognitive (thinking) development, emotional development, behavioural development and physical development of a student. This development is the result of an effective interaction between the students and teacher in the class room through successful teaching and learning process. At present, such development is very passive and inadequate in the educational institutes like schools and colleges in our community. Due to this, most of our students are not able to show up to top line positions such as IAS, IPS, Scientists, or join esteemed institutions like IIT for higher studies. As a result of such inadequate system, we are seeing considerable number of school drop outs, more number of un-employees and under-employees. People's migration from coastal line towards town or city for quality education is the biggest challenges or social setbacks mainly due to the poor quality education, and unfortunately there is nothing happening to improve this in the soil of fishermen.

### Class room Management

The best teacher is the best manager of the class room, who can be seriously and systematically involved in presenting the subject content and hold the attention of all the students, simultaneously. Few months before, SSLC and HSC exams results were released and their analysis was also published from one of our community schools. Out of five top achievers, three students were children of teachers in the school and no poor

fisherman's child was able to become one among them. From this, it is reasonable to understand that students from the uneducated fishermen families might have been ignored in the class room while certain students are given better attention. A school should provide equal attention with all students to bring up the hidden talents from every student. Teachers should treat every student with maximum responsibility (as their own children). It may be true that most of our teachers are competent, but failing to teach other students in the school due to inefficient class room management and irresponsible school management.

### **Let us be most civilized Mukkuva**

In conclusion; Aristotle said that, "A civilized society is one where good people become good citizens". In a civilized society, each generation is expected to make the society better for the next generation. It is educated people who form such a civilized society by considering class room as change room of the student community through the best quality of education in terms of providing committed teachers, responsible management and motivating learning environment. Then, in future, we can proudly proclaim that our community; not only Mukkuva, but the most CIVILIZED MUKKUYA.

*Let us all, sincerely...  
dream and strive for that noble change!*

***Not later ... RIGHT NOW!***