

# THE EMBARRASSING PARENTS

## IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE PLUS TWO EXAMINATIONS

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Every parent is aware of the benefit of education. Parents do study the lessons of their children to help them excel in their studies. This state of affairs is the result of the bitter competition they find in the fast changing job market. They know the fact that the investment in education would give them the most dividends. Hence, they are not hesitant to provide their children with whatever is possible from their side in the form of education. Even though many of

the parents are educated, they fail to choose a right career for their children. It is high time they have a series of thoughts in the aftermath of the plus two examinations. Media give a wide range of advertisements capturing the attention of both the parents and children.

There are various courses that appear to be offering huge potentials. It is up to the parents to opt the institutions that matter the most. In order to do so, they need to be educated in this particular aspect. Many educationists are of the view that the parents' ideas pertaining to this issue should go in line with those of their children. This can partially be accepted because in modern world students are greatly influenced by their friends. The children have limited knowledge about the career they choose. Since they want to be with their friends, they tend to lose the better choice. A certain children prefer cities to the quality in terms of education. This situation warrants helpless parents to take unanimous decision. No wonder, the parents' duty is to guide them but not to persuade and compel. They are desperate because they undergo a lot of tough tests while determining the future of their children.

While addressing the parents who gathered at Thoothoor parochial house a few days ago, I had to talk about the prominent role being played by Arts and Science colleges and their subjects including History in the present day life. I could sense a negative response to my view. Having learnt that the parents' thoughts were centered on Engineering and Medical colleges, I had to give in. It is pertinent at this juncture to keep in mind the emergence of lakhs of engineering graduates every year. Our country produces about 75 lakh graduates including 11 lakh engineering graduates every year, a recent study reveals. Number of job opportunities is less than that of the graduates. This disparity necessitates the parents to choose the right path. It is a pity that they fail to notice the significance of Art subjects that are preferred especially by

those students who are aspiring for careers such as IAS, IPS and IFS etc. Speaking on the occasion, the veteran educationist and writer, Dr.Vareethaiyya gave valuable inputs to the parents who were present in the same meeting organized by Thoothoor parish priest, Rev.Dr.Bebinson.



One would not forget the fact that education, these days, is business-related. It is not imparted in its real sense. What is needed is scarcely given. A genuine transformation in education is very badly required. Education is expected of transforming an individual with the power of knowledge. It should provide the children the ability to face the challenges in life. As the intention of education is not fulfilled by the majority educational institutions in India, innovations in this field will help save the society. To make matters still worse, students of certain private schools have no knowledge about class XI lessons. In 11<sup>th</sup> class itself, 12th lessons are taught. Students of such schools are so desperate that they cannot perform well in the central board entrance examinations which cover both XI and XII syllabi. We understand that it is not a healthy practice. Since it constitutes a grave threat to the existing system of education, a quick intervention from the government is called for. Such a situation, if continued, would jeopardize the already troubled parents. They lose heart because they don't get the desired admission for their children.

“What is the purpose of getting a degree without understanding self and society?” asked Dr.Helen Christina, Assistant professor of Zoology, Sri Meenakshi Govt. Arts College for Women.

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