

People's Movement for Peace

Context:

Political violence for 7 decades, 320 deaths, 9000 people either convicted or accused, 10000 families affected, countless working days lost due to strike or hartals and Kannur has become another name for violence.

Organizational Structure (OS)

1. Core Group (15 members)

2. Peace Platform Comprising of 9 organizations

Peace and Harmony Foundation, Ekta Parishad, MalabarVikasanasamithi, Art of living, NYP, Sarvodayamandalam, Disah, Humanist Movement, Youth Peace Forum,

3. Networking with:

3.1 . State Level

Neethi Vedi Wayanad, Lipi Cochin, Institutions: PKM College of Teacher Education, Madampam, UC College Aluva

3.2 National Level:

Peace Channel Deemapur, Nagaland, USM Indore, MP,

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Peace Building Process PBP

Peace Building is not a single event or action.

It is a continuous- multidimensional -building up- process

1. Peace Building at the Socio Political Level

Political Level

Visiting the Victim's Family: Objectives

To console the family

To get the objective picture of the reality

To understand the human side of the story

To take the unbiased story to the media

To present the case before the police and government authorities

Form Local peace committee including persons from all walks of life

Organize local peace gathering to create confidence in the people

Social Level

Make peace propaganda through the media

Organize roadshows for peace

Gandhian way of fasting and prayer gathering for peace

Take preventive measures to stop the repetition of violence

Organize meetings of leaders from different walks of life like political leaders, business community, Journalists, Police and others.

Organize cultural shows (Music and Dance) with peace themes.

2. Peace Building through Institutions (Sustainable peace through cultivating peace culture at different levels of education)

At the School Level

Establish Peace clubs

Organize cultural competitions with peace theme

Conduct street dramas with the message of peace

Ahimsa oath in the School assembly

Publish the stories and creative ideas through publication (peace web)

Reward the students with certificates and awards

Organize peace training camps

Organize yearly peace festivals at the local and state levels

Give exposure to selected students at the national peace events

Appoint a peace animator for every institution

Reward the teachers with certificates and awards

At the college/Higher Levels

Establish Peace Clubs

Conduct Debates

Celebrate Commemorative days of events and persons

Organize Inter Institutional peace training camps

Certificates for best peace maker

Best peace maker awards

Include students in solving social problems

Organize peace festivals

Publish creative ideas through journals

Organize peace club alumni gatherings for passed out students

Street Dramas and Music festivals for peace.

Peace animators to facilitate the students.

3. Peace Building at the Inter Religious Level

Involve the leaders of different religious groups in the peace building process by organizing interreligious gatherings.

Conduct Interreligious prayer gatherings to strengthen the unity and peace

Organize common celebrations of religious festivals

Conduct inter religious cultural festivals

Teach the basics of different religions at the schools

Encourage visit to the holy places of different religions