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Swedish expert on Kerala development Olle Tornqvist says that it is development at the local level that will help the State to progress and prosper. H SHAJA speaks to him.

Commentaries on Keralas recent past are not complete without the phrase: ‘Developing Kerala’. Indeed the State has a history of planning and development programmes. The various Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Plans have been instrumental in shaping the economic and social development of Kerala.


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