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## 'Live' together: FM culture in Kerala

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he day-to-day advancements in technology significantly contributed to the creation of new communication culture. With the development of novel technology, vigorous changes have also occurred in people's individual and societal lifestyles. Unlike in the developed countries, where in the 1940s itself, there was a widespread reach for private FM radio channels; in Kerala, only from 2007 did the same become a part of the listening culture. Private radio channels developed as an inevitable requirement for the societal and media environs of postmodern Kerala. Some of the scenarios which led to this are the growth of vehicle culture, television serials that were tediously repetitive, the digital divide in the middle class pertaining to the availability