

# Echoes of Eco

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## Broad based - Holistic Education?



Animals got together in the forest and decided to start a school. A board of directors was found. There was a rabbit, a bird, a fish, a squirrel and an Eile. The rabbit insisted the running be in the syllabus. The bird insisted that flying be in the syllabus, the fish insisted

that swimming has to be in the syllabus, the squirrel said the perpendicular tree climbing is absolutely necessary. They put all of this together form the syllabus booklet, and insisted that all of the animal take all of the courses. The rabbit was getting 'A' in running, but when it came to perpendicular tree climbing it was real problem.

He kept on falling backwards and was sort of brain damage. Soon he was getting 'C' in running instead of 'A' and off course always-getting 'F' in perpendicular climbing. The bird was beautiful at flying, but when it came to burrowing on the ground, he could not do it so well. He broke his beak and wings and pretty soon, he made 'C' in flying instead of 'A' and off course always made 'F' in burrowing and had a hail of a time in perpendicular tree climbing. The moral of the story is that the person who the valedictorian of the class was the mentally retarded Eile who did all the courses in the half way fashion, but the educators were very happy because all the animals took all the courses and it was a broad based, holistic education. Everyone laughed, but that is what it is, and we did the same.

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Eile - An imaginative animal - has a body of a lion and the head could be of Elephant, deer, parrot, and tiger. In Marathi, it is called vyal or shardul.

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## Meaning of Ganapati Visarjan

The act of visarjan teaches us to let go of something we love so deeply. It teaches us to surrender to faith over intellect. It also teaches that what we love, we may have to leave, so love unconditionally.





"Living within artificial, reconstructed, arbitrary environments that are strictly the products of human conception, we have no way to be sure that we know what is true and what is not. We have lost context and perspective"

- Jerry Mander



Happenings this month:  
Holistic Health



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### Green Health

Green health home worked for 14 days. 186 patients treated. In addition, 70 people underwent Varma massage

### Training programme on "Varma Bone Setting"

1<sup>st</sup> year, 3<sup>rd</sup> module on "Traditional Siddha Varma Bone Setting Practices" was held at Technology Resource Center, Anjaneyapuram on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September. 40 participants attended this programme. Dr.V.Ganapathy and his team acted as resource persons.



Vai.Arasu Raja interacting with the participants



Siddha Varmam Massage is on ... demonstration by Paal Aasan



Medicine preparation is on...



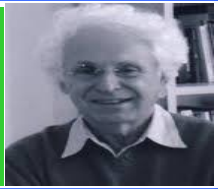
Class by Vai.Karunanithi



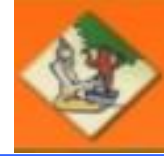


"If you accept the existence of advertising, you accept a system designed to persuade and to dominate minds by interfering in people's thinking patterns"

- Jerry Mander



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### Training Programme on "Harit Aarogya"

5 days Training Programme on "Harit Aarogya" was held at Technology Resource Center, Anjaneyapuram Kanyakumari from 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September. 60 participants attended this programme. VK-Nardep team along with Dr.Prabhavathy, Professor, Vivekananda College and Vai.Tenkarai Maharaja Pillai acted as resource persons. L&T Technology Services, Bangalore, sponsored the programme.



Hands on training - planting the material in the grow bags



Established plants greeting the stakeholders in the Mother nursery with a shed net



Dr.Prabhavathy sharing her experiences



Magic show? Nay the science behind herbal plants





"To speak of television as 'neutral' and therefore subject to change is as absurd as speaking of the reform of a technology such as guns"  
- Jerry Mander



Happenings this month:  
Sustainable Agriculture



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## Training Programme on "Green Livelihood technologies" (Harit Aajeevika)

1<sup>st</sup> batch of 5 days Training Programme on "Harit Aajeevika" was held at Rameswaram from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September. 59 participants attended the programme. L&T Technology Services, Bangalore, sponsored the programme.



*Stakeholders undergoing training in tune with Nature*



*Sister Senthila interacting with the stakeholders*



*Shri.Jegadeesan, Assistant Director, Horticulture Department taking a session on Kitchen /Terrace Garden*



*Shri.Ramakrishnan interacting with the trainees on the concluding day*





"Advertising expresses a power relationship . . . One person, the advertiser, invades; millions absorb. And to what end? So that people will buy something! A deep, profound and disturbing act by the few against the many for a trivial purpose"

- Jerry Mander



Happenings this month:  
Sustainable Agriculture



Happenings this month:  
New and Renewable  
Energy Sources

### Training Programme on "Green Livelihood technologies" (Harit Aajeevika)

2<sup>nd</sup> batch of 5 days Training Programme on "Harit Aajeevika" was held at Rameswaram from 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September. 44 participants attended the programme. L&T Technology Services, Bangalore, sponsored the programme.



Shri. Shri.Kathiresan - practical training on Vermi compost



Shri.Sethurajan, Owner of Bhuvaneswari Nursery giving tips for kitchen / terrace garden

### Commissioning of "Bio-methanation Plant"

In the month of September, One number of 6 cum Bio-methanation plant (Portable) commissioned at Thovalai Block of Kanyakumari Dist.



Initial pouring of cow dung slurry in the plant for the formation of bacterial colony

Step construction is on .. for easy pouring of input material to the Bio-methanation plant



### Training Programme on "Azolla cultivation"

Training Programme on "Azolla cultivation" was held at Vivekanandapuram, Kanyakumari on 30<sup>th</sup> September. One person attended this programme. Smt.S.Premalatha was the resource person.



"The program is only the excuse to get you to watch the advertising.  
Without the ads there would be no programs"

- Jerry Mander



## Visions of Wisdom



### The Front-yards and Backyards of Development

In the 'backyards' of India, there is still a great deal of culture, tradition and folklore. Mindless copying of the west has not quite made its dent there yet. The 'front-yards' which make decisions about our future development must learn to recover the old spiritual knowledge and experience, the flowing of the culture and spirituality into new forms of science, technology and literature and in dealing with problems of modernisation in the light of Indian tradition and spirit.

Fortunately, there are development movements across the country rooted in the local traditions, local concerns and local communities



**Kamla Chowdhry**  
An educator who was the first faculty member at the IIM, Ahmedabad



### Importance of Diversity of Languages

All communities and cultures are knowledge creators, which are categorised as traditional knowledge.

Already in some cases, we have lost forever a treasure of knowledge materially enclosed in bio-diversity and in diverse cultural traditions. Diversity of languages is important in the context of diversity of human cultures. Eliminating linguistic diversity has prevented the maintenance and transmission of traditional knowledge from one generation to another. Languages are the vehicles of knowledge. Their disappearance is the disappearance of imagination.

**Dr. Vandana Shiva**  
Director, Navadanya, New Delhi



### Man conceiving the idea of God

The conception of God rises from a divine faculty of man, unshared with the rest of our world - the faculty we call imagination. By its power, man and man alone can find the evidence of things unseen. The vista that power opens up is unbounded; indeed, as man's perfected imagination becomes a spiritual reality, he may discern in all the evidences of design and purpose the great truth that heaven is wherever and whatever; that God is everywhere so close as in our hearts.



**A. Cressy Morrison**  
Author of Seven reasons why a scientist believes in God