

Echoes of Eco



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One minute wisdom by Anthony de Mello

"Is there such a thing as One Minute Wisdom?"

"There certainly Is," said the Master.

"But surely one minute is too brief?"

"It is fifty-nine seconds too long."

To his puzzled disciples the Master later said,

"How much time does it take to catch sight of the moon?"

"Then why all these years of spiritual endeavour?"

"Opening one's eyes may take a lifetime.

Seeing is done in a flash."



Very often we see things as we are and not as they really are! We look at events, people, things and happenings through own own filters and biases thus missing perhaps what is there to be revealed to us.

Are you still going through life with "eyes wide shut"?



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Om! O' God, may we hear what is truth with our ears. May we see with our eyes what is truth. May we enjoy our life allotted to us by the God, offering prayers and dedication to work, by having our bodies with strong limbs.

O' all glorious, bestow prosperity on us. O' the knower of all, bestow prosperity on us. May God make our life's journey unobstructed and bestow prosperity on us. O' God, bestow prosperity on us.

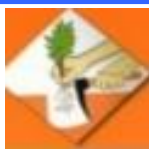
Om Peace, Peace, Peace.

- Upanishad



"Life is about making right things and going on..."

- R.K.Narayan



**Happenings this month:
Sustainable Agriculture**

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**Happenings this month:
Renewable Energy Sources**

Awareness programme on "NPK rich Bio-manure" preparation was held on 13th March at Andarkulam and Athalavilai. 60 farmers attended the programme. Shri.S.Rajamony and Shri.Vijayaragavan were the resource persons. The programme was sponsored by Rohini College, Kanyakumari.

Green health home worked for 5 days. 147 patients treated.

Commissioned - 1 cum portable type Bio-methanation Plant at Thanjavur.

Shri.V.Ramakrishnan attended the STRIDE mentoring and monitoring committee meeting on "Mitigating Climate Change" which was held on 31st March at Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur.

35 students from Scott Christian College, Nagercoil, visited our J.C.Bose Nursery as a part of study tour on 17th March. Students learned Azolla and Vermi technologies'



Shri.Rajamony talking about "NPK rich Bio-manure"



Attentive participants



Shri.Rajamony explaining Azolla technology to the students



"It is stimulating to live in a society that is not standardised or mechanised, and is free from monotony"

- R.K.Narayan



Happenings this month:
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56 students from Sri Sarada Niketan College of Science for Women, Karur, visited our J.C.Bose Nursery as a part of study tour on 20th March. Students learned green technologies for sustainable agriculture.



Students learning Azolla technology

23 students from Thuya Aavi Middle School, Manapad, Thoothukkudi Dist. visited our J.C.Bose Nursery as a part of study tour on 23rd March. Students learned farming technologies.



Students posing for photograph near the famous Mud Pot Arch



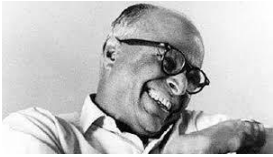
28 students from A.G. Patil Institute of Technology, Solapur, Maharashtra underwent training programme on "Technologies for Sustainable Development". The training was held from 20th to 25th March at Technology Resource Center, Kalluvillai.



Students involved practical training on Nursery techniques



Shri.A.Balakrishnanji, President of Vivekananda Kendra graced the concluding function



"Do you realise how few ever really understand, how fortunate they are in their circumstances"

- R.K. Narayan



Visions of Wisdom



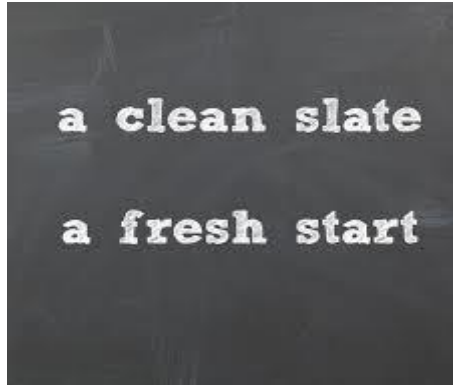
Undesirability of a foreign breed

B. S. Baviskar reported in 1980 in the Economic and Political Weekly that more than 200 members (of the Amul Cooperative) had bought Holstein-Friesian cows at a high price from Amul, which the latter had received as a gift from Canada.

The members launched an agitation to return these animals as they found them uneconomical to maintain. The agitation continued for some time without any resolution until the members threatened to present the unwanted cows to Kurien's only daughter on the occasion of her wedding reception. At this, the authorities hastily agreed to reach a settlement.



Claude Alvares
Author of a famous book – Science, Development and Violence



A clean slate

What does life mean? Why can't I have what I want? Life did not mean much until you are forced out of it.

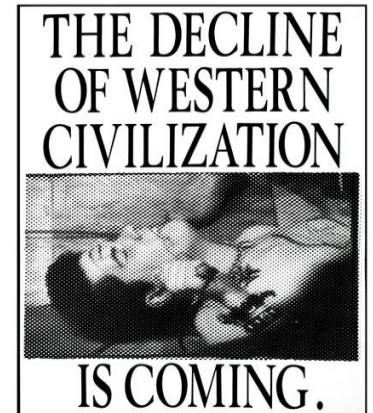
'Dying' every day is an ideal way to live, because every morning would be new. How can life ever be new unless you learn to die?

How can life ever be new unless you learn to live? Allow your old habits and false values to die. Then new life will rush to fill the vacuum.

Rabindranath Tagore says when old words die out on the tongue, new melodies spring forth from the heart.



Deepak Chopra
Indian-American author of a famous book 'Unconditional Life'

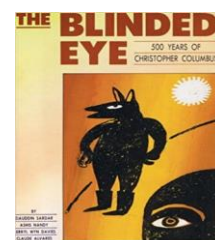


No survival for the West

There is no escape route available to Europe. The near total breakdown of community life, brought about by massification, the efficient atomization of the individual and the full-scale marketisation - all render the western intellectual tradition a nearly foolproof mono-cultural strain.

They have only one option left today. They can only survive outside the west.

Fortunately, the non-western world remains fundamentally unable to disown its own cultural self entirely, even if it wishes to.



Extracts from the book - The Blinded Eye