

Echoes of Eco



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Don't Chase

Mulla had one of the finest apple orchards in the state and come fall regular as clockwork, the kids from the neighbourhood would sneak into orchards. Regularly too Mulla would come charging angrily out of his house, waving a shot gun and threatening the fleeing youths with everything he could think of.



After watching one of these vain pursuits, a neighbour said to Mulla "If I can understand you, Mulla, you, are normally a calm and generous man - and you have got ten times as many apples ripening in that garden as you can possibly use, why don't you just let the kids have some.

Heik laughed Mulla "I want them to have the apples but I was a boy once myself and if I did not holler and chase them they would never come back.

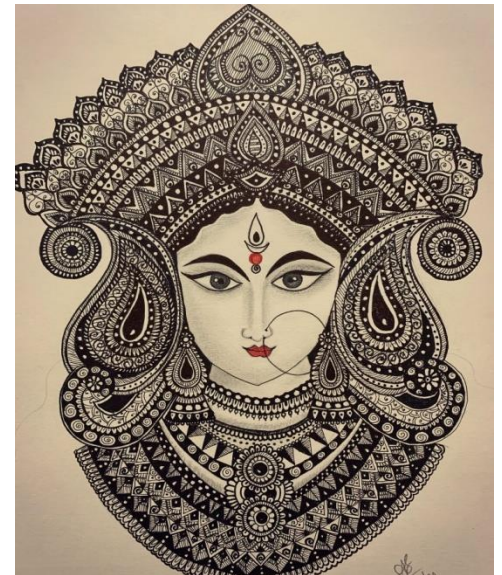
Thoughts are like children. If you chase them they will come back. If you don't chase them they will not come back.



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Mother Durga

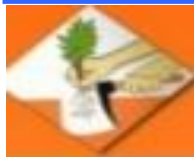


We are thy children, through thy grace, by thy influence may we become fit for the great work, for the great Ideal. Mother, destroy our smallness, our selfishness, our fear.



"There is something fundamentally wrong in treating the Earth as if it were a business in liquidation"

- Herman E. Daly



**Happenings this month:
Sustainable Agriculture**



**Happenings this month:
Renewable Energy
sources**

Training on Vermi Wash technology

Training programme on "Vermi wash Technology" was held on 19th March. 03 participants attended this programme. Shri.S.Rajamony was the resource person.



Shri.Rajamony explaining Vermi wash technology

Training programme on "Vermi wash Technology" was held on 26th March. 07 members attended this programme. Shri.S.Rajamony was the resource person.



Participants learned vermi wash technology along with vermi compost preparation

Commissioned Bio-methanation plants in Urban area

Handed over 60 nos. of Bio-methanation plants commissioned by Vivekananda Kendra - NARDEP to the beneficiaries at Semmancheri, Chennai on 12th March. This programme was organised by Hand in Hand Inclusive Development Services, Chennai. Shri.Muneeswaran attended the function.



Our supervisor Shri.Muneeswaran was felicitated during the function



Officials visited the beneficiaries houses after the function

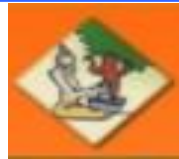


"While the invisible hand looks after the private sector, the invisible foot kicks the public sector to pieces"

- Herman E. Daly



**Happenings this month:
Holistic Health**



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Green Health

Green health home worked for 4 days. 79 patients treated. In addition, 42 people underwent Varma massage.

Mobile Dispensary for Public

Regular mobile rural dispensary is running at the village Peyankuzhi on every Saturday. However, we have closed one rural dispensary at Vallankumaranvillai. Instead, we started a new dispensary at Madanpillai Dharmam. Totally 43 patients treated. Dr.Thirunarayanan and his team works for this project.



During inauguration function - Madanpillai Dharmam

Seminar on "Muppu Rasavatham and Traditional Siddha Varmam"

- Seminar on "Muppu Rasavatham and Traditional Siddha Varmam" was held on 29th and 30th March at Eknath Hall, Gramodaya Park, Vivekanandapuram. 190 Doctors, Vaidyas and students attended. Dr.V.Ganapathy and his team acted as resource persons.
- The programme was jointly organized by Muppu Rasavatham Aaiivu Kuzhu & Vivekananda Kendra - NARDEP.
- Souvenir was released during the conference.
- The seminar ended after distribution of certificates and mementoes.



Shri.V.Ramakrishnan addressing to the participants



"The economy has gotten bigger, the ecosystem has not. How big has the economy become relative to the ecosystem?"

- Herman E. Daly



Happenings this month:
Networking



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Study tour

24 students from Agricultural College, Killikulam, Thoothukudi Dist., visited J.C.Bose Nursery on 3rd March as a part of a study tour. They learned sustainable agricultural practices.



Shri. Rajamony interacting with the students

Study tour

16 students from Dept. of Zoology, Annai Velankanni College, Kanyakumari Dist. visited J.C.Bose Nursery on 26th March as a part of a study tour. They learned vermi compost and Vermi wash technologies.



Students at our J.C.Bose Nursery

Study tour

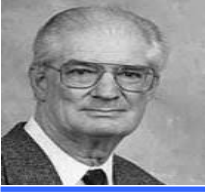
29 students from Indian Agricultural College, Radhapuram, Tirunelveli Dist. visited J.C.Bose Nursery on 17th March as a part of a study tour. They learned sustainable agricultural technologies.

Study tour

Another group of 25 students from Indian Agricultural College, Radhapuram, Tirunelveli Dist. visited J.C.Bose Nursery on 18th March as a part of a study tour. They learned farming technologies.



Students from Indian Agricultural College, Radhapuram posing for photograph - in front of Harit Surabhi stall at J.C.Bose Nursery



"The problem with the World Bank has to do with development - the spreading of Western over-consumption worldwide"

- Herman E. Daly



Happenings this month:
Water Management



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Best NGO Award

Vivekananda Kendra - NARDEP received second prize in the "Best NGO" category from Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India, New Delhi on 29th March 2022 for its work in "Revival and Renovation of Traditional water bodies at Rameswaram". Shri.G.Vasudeo received the award on behalf of Vivekananda Kendra - NARDEP.



Shri.G.Vasudeo, Secretary, Vivekananda Kendra - Nardep receiving the award from Shri.Gajendra Shekhawat, Union minister, Jal Shakti, Govt. of India

Media coverage

- Dinamalar, Chennai - Tamil daily gave a good coverage about Jal Shakti award on 28th March.
- Hindu - Tamil daily gave the coverage on 30th March

விவேகானந்தா கேந்திரத்திற்கு சிறந்த சேவைக்கு தேசிய விருது

ராமேஸ்வரம், மார்ச் 28-

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இயற்கை வள மேம்பாட்டு திட்டத்தின் கீழ் ராமேஸ்வரம் உள்ளிட்ட ராமநாதபுரம் மாவட்டத்தில் தனியார் ஆக்கிரமிப்பிலும், அழிந்து போன தீர்த்த குளங்கள், கிணறுகளை கண்டு பிடித்து புனரமைத்து, சுற்றி வேலி அமைத்து பாதுகாத்தனர்.

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Dinamalar news on 28th March

மணலில் புதைந்த தீர்த்த குளங்களை புனரமைக்கும் பணிக்காக

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புனரமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. இதில் தரம், ஏலக்காய், தீவரண, பரமம், குளவாதி, குழந்தை, ஹரி, திலகன், மனசு, கிருஷ்ண ஆகிய தீர்த்தங்கள் முழுமையாக மணலில் இருந்து தோண்டி எடுக்கப்பட்டு முழுமையாக புனரமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. அவ்வாறு புனரமைக்கப்பட்ட பல குளங்களில் தற்போது தண்ணீர் தேங்கியுள்ளது.

டெல்லியில் விழா

இதற்கிடையே, ஸ்ரீராமவது தேசிய தன்னார்வ விருதுகள் வழங்கும் விழா டெல்லியில் நேற்று முனனும் நடைபெற்றது.

இதில் தீவரண திட்டங்களைச் சிறப்பாகச் செயல்படுத்தியதற்கான சிறந்த மாநிலங்களுக்கான பரிசில் தமிழ்நாட்டுக்கு குளிரம் பரிசு கிடைத்தது.

சிறந்த தொண்டு நிறுவனப் பரிசில் விவேகானந்த கேந்திரத்துக்கு 2-ம் பரிசை மத்திய ஜலசக்தி துறை அமைச்சர் கஜேந்திரசிங் செகாவத் கேந்திர செயலாளர் வாசுதேவிடம் வழங்கினார்.

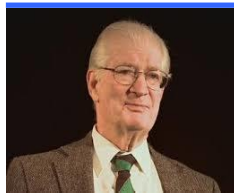
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Hindu news on 30th March



"The individualism of current economic theory is manifest in the purely self-interested behavior it generally assumes. It has no real place for fairness, malevolence, and benevolence"

- Herman E. Daly



Happenings this month:
Networking



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Paper Presentation

Seminar on "Sustainable Urban and Rural Solid Waste Management" was organised by Centre for Pollution Control and Environmental Engineering, Puducherry University on 11th March. Shri.V.Ramakrishnan gave a power point presentation on "Vivekananda Kendra's experience in Bio-methanation technology". 50 members along with faculty attended this online programme.

Centre for Pollution Control and Environmental Engineering,
School of Engineering & Technology, Pondicherry University

GREEN UPDATES

Sustainable Urban and Rural Solid Waste Management

Vivekananda Kendra's experience in Biogas Technology (Bio-Methanation)
Thiru. V. Ramakrishnan
Director, Vivekananda Kendra-NARDEP,
Kanyakumari

Panel Discussion
Environmentalist, Regulatory Agency (PPCC), Implementation Agency (ULBs) and Academics
Dr.V.Krishnan,
Officer on Special Duty (Retd.), Directorate of School Education, Puducherry
Shri.P. Vignu Babu,
ENVIS Coordinator / Scientist, Pondicherry Pollution Control Committee, Puducherry
Shri. T.Sivacoumar,
Municipal Health Officer, Oulgaret Municipality, Government of Puducherry

Prof.P.Elumalai,
Head, Centre for Green Energy Technology, Pondicherry University

Moderator
Dr.S.Gajalakshmi,
Head (IC), Centre for Pollution Control & Environmental Engineering, Pondicherry University.

Welcome Address
Dr. S. Gajalakshmi
Head IC, CPCEE,PU

Vote of Thanks
S.Sudalai,
Assistant Professor,
CPCEE,PU

(Date and Time)
Thursday, 24 February - 2:45 - 4:15pm
Google Meet joining info
<https://meet.google.com/ykj-prfg-rsx>

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12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
15 LIFE ON LAND
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY
2 ZERO HUNGER
13 CLIMATE ACTION
1 NO POVERTY
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Student of B.Sc - Environmental Science, Paramakalyani Center for Environmental Science, Alwarkurichi underwent Internship for 7 days (17th to 24th March) at Vivekanandapuram.



Yearly Training Calendar

Hopefully the pandemic Covid-19 is over, so VK-Nardep decided to have off-line training programmes in the field of Agriculture and Bio-methanation technologies after a gap of two years.

Vivekananda Kendra -nardep

Training Calendar 2022-23

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Agricultural Training (Off-line at Kanyakumari)

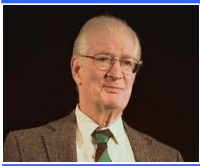
| April 2022 | October - 2022 |
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| 09.04.2022 - Azolla - cattle feed technology | 8.10.2022 - Vermi compost & Vermi wash |
| 23.04.2022 - Bio pesticides - (Plant based) | 22.10.2022 - Organic farming practices |
| May - 2022 | November - 2022 |
| 14.05.2022 - Composting Technology (Vermi compost, N.P.K rich bio manure etc.) | 12.11.2022 - Growth Promoters (Panchagavya, Fish amino, Living water, E.M) |
| 28.05.2022 - Terrace Garden | 26.11.2022 - Bee keeping |
| June - 2022 | December - 2022 |
| 11.06.2022 - Vermi compost & Vermi wash | 10.12.2022 Azolla - cattle feed technology- |
| 25.06.2022 - Organic farming practices | 24.12.2022 - Bio pesticides (Plant based) |
| July - 2022 | January- 2023 |
| 9.07.2022 - Growth Promoters (Panchagavya, Fish amino, Living water, E.M etc.) - | 14.01.2023- Composting Technology (Vermi compost, N.P.K rich bio manure etc.) |
| 23.07.2022 - Bee keeping | 28.01.2023- Terrace Garden |
| August-2022 | February- 2023 |
| 13.08.2022 - Azolla technology - feed for cattle | 11.02.2023- Vermi compost & Vermi wash |
| 27.08.2022 - Bio pesticides (Plant based) | 25.02.2023- Organic farming practices |
| September - 2022 | March- 2023 |
| 10.09.2022 - Composting Technology (Vermi compost, N.P.K rich bio manure etc.) | 11.03.2023 - Growth Promoters (Panchagavya, Fish amino,Living water, E.M |
| 24.09.2022 - Terrace Garden | 25.03.2023- Bee keeping |

Kitchen Waste based Biogas plant Training

23.04.2022, 28.05.2022, 25.06.2022, 23.07.2022, 27.08.2022, 24.09.2022
22.10.2022, 26.11.2022, 24.12.2022, 28.01.2023, 25.02.2023, 25.03.2023

In addition Online Agricultural Training Programmes on Every Saturday afternoon

For Details use QR code



"The economy is a wholly owned subsidiary of the environment, not the reverse"

- Herman E. Daly



Visions of Wisdom



Ecological Truism

Trees, plants, grasses and flowers are also objects fit for reverence. Manu, the great Indian law giver was uttering an ecological truism when he said: All trees and plants are full of consciousness and themselves are endowed with the feelings of pleasure and pain".

The banyan tree has been treated with special reverence from time immemorial. It was no accident that Buddha received spiritual illumination while sitting under the shade of a banyan tree.

Like rivers, even the mountains have stimulated the sensitive spirits of devout Hindus.



The Road Forward

The road forward does not lie through the despair of doom watching nor through the easy optimism of successive technological fixes.

It lies through a careful and dispassionate assessment of the 'outer limits', through the cooperative search for ways to achieve the 'inner limits' of fundamental human rights, and through all the patient work of devising techniques and styles of development which enhance and preserve our planetary inheritance".



Health - Getting Rooted In Self

People are not rooted in self hence they are clinging to others. All clinging is an indication that you are afraid that you will be left alone. You will be simply lonely, miserable. You are full of junk - rubbish, no space for lotus to bloom. Only weeds will grow.

Without risk, there is no truth, without risk, there is no life. You have to learn to gamble, you have to be a gambler - but we get imprisoned.

If one falls, it is a breakdown. If one keeps alert and aware, watchful then it is breakthrough.



Dr. S. Cromwell Crawford
Worked as a Professor of the Dept. of Religions at University

Mostafa Tolba
An Egyptian, Former Head of the United Nations, Environment Programme



Max Ehrmann
Writer of a famous prose poem "Desiderata"

