

Echoes of Eco



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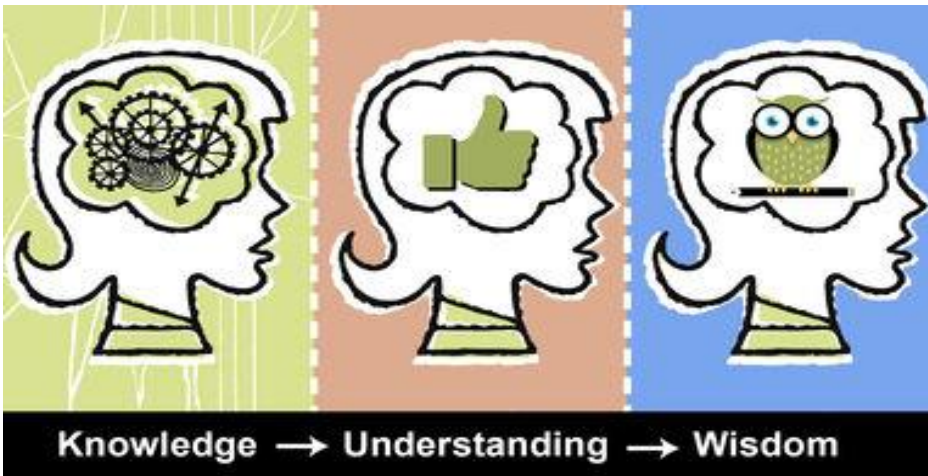
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Knowledge Vs Wisdom

A scientist came to protest the Master's contempt for concepts as opposed to 'Concept less Knowledge' was unfair to science.

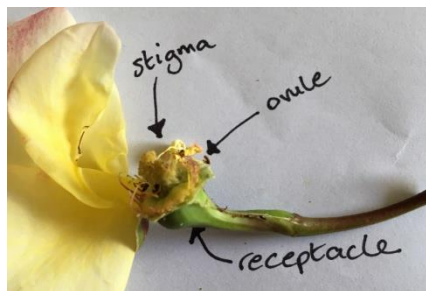
The master was at pains to explain that he was a friend of science. But he said 'your knowledge of your wife had better go beyond the concept knowledge of science'!



Later while talking to his disciples, he was even more forceful, 'concepts define' he said. 'To define is to destroy, concepts dissect reality. And what you dissect you kill'.

Are concepts then useless?

No. Dissect a rose and you will have valuable information and no knowledge what so ever of the rose. Become a scholar and you will have much information - but no knowledge what so ever of Reality.



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Mother Durga



Thou art Kali, naked, garlanded with human heads, sword in hand, thou slayest the Asura. Goddess, do thou slay with thy pitiless cry the enemies who dwell within us, may none remain alive there, not one. May we become pure and spotless, this is our prayer. O Mother, make thyself manifest



"Knowing others is intelligence; knowing yourself is true wisdom.
Mastering others is strength; mastering yourself is true power."

- Lao Tzu



Happenings this month:
Sustainable Agriculture



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Training on Azolla technology

Training programme on "Azolla Technology" was held at J.C.Bose Nursery on 9th April. 03 participants attended this programme. Smt.S.Premalatha was the resource person.



Participants eagerly seeing the Azolla bed

Training on Bio-methanation technology

Training programme on "Bio-methanation technology" was held on 23rd April. 01 participant attended this programme. Shri.V.Ramakrishnan was the resource person.

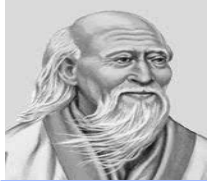
Organic farming -J.C.Bose Nursery

J.C.Bose Nursery is an organic demonstration field cum training centre. Here Following technologies are demonstrated. (i) Different types of composts (ii) Bio-pesticides (iii) Growth promoters (iv) Azolla (v) Varieties of seedlings and plants (vi) Apiary Honey (vii) Portable biogas plants etc.

Here we have more than 10 varieties of banana and Mango trees.

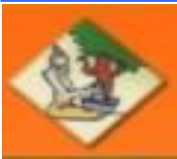


Natural farming - Bananas

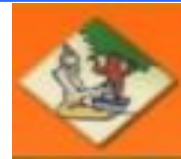


"Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage"

- Lao Tzu



Happenings this month:
Holistic Health



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Green Health

Green health home worked for 5 days. 154 patients treated. In addition, 62 people underwent Varma massage.



Varma massage at our Varma Research and Resource Center

Mobile Dispensary for Public

Regular mobile rural dispensary is running in two villages at Peyankuzhi and Madanpillai Dharmamon every Saturday. Totally 17 patients treated. Dr.Thirunarayanan and his team works for this project.

Workshop on Varma Bone Setting

4th workshop on "Traditional Siddha Varma Bone setting Practices" was held on 22nd and 23rd April at Technology Resource Center, Anjaneyapuram. 25 Doctors, Vaidyas and students attended. Dr.V.Ganapathy and his team acted as resource persons.



Vaidyar Chinnapoo Aasan interacting with the participants

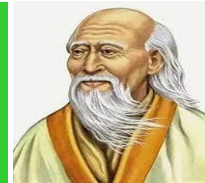


Varma Medicine preparation is on ...



"Those who know do not speak. Those who speak do not know"

- Lao Tzu



**Happenings this month:
Networking**



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Field visit

09 members from Valliyoor Multi-purpose Social service Society, Kavalkinaru, Tirunelveli Dist. visited VK-Nardep on 11th April as a part of a field visit. They learned Sustainable Development technologies.



Shri.Muneeswaran explaining the benefits of Bio-methanation technology to the participants

Cultural Leadership Programme

Cultural Leadership programme was held at Gramodaya Park on 20th April. 27 students from Sree Ayyappa College for Women, Chunkankadai, Kanyakumari Dist. attended this programme. Shri.N.Krishnamoortiji, Senior worker, Vivekananda Kendra, Shri.V.Ramakrishnan, Director, VK-Nardep and Shri.C.Vijayaraghavan were the resource persons.



Students posing for photograph - in front of Mud pot arch at Varma Research and Resource Center near Gramodaya Park

District advisory committee meeting



Dept. of Agriculture, District advisory committee meeting was held at Collectorate, Nagercoil on 21st April. Shri.S.Rajamony attended the meeting.

Study tour

109 students from Dept. of Mathematics and English, of Sri Sarada College, Ariyakulam, Tirunelveli Dist. visited Gramodaya Park on 29th April as a part of a study tour. They learned Sustainable Development technologies.

Shri.V.Ramakrishnan Briefed AIR Nagercoil, about VK-Nardep receiving 2nd prize in the best NGO category for our work of "Reviving and Renovating the Traditional Water-bodies in Rameswaram" from the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India, New Delhi during the 3rd National Water Awards Ceremony.





"The best fighter is never angry"

- Lao Tzu



Visions of Wisdom



Ecological Consciousness

Through those illustrations, we discover that the Hindu treats the natural world not as a commodity, which we possess, but as a community to which we belong. In addition, this ecological consciousness arises out of the experience of the oneness of the universe. The one universe appears to be material but it is the universal consciousness or Brahman. Since all is one, the conquest of nature cannot be true to reality and our sense of separateness, isolation and egotism is the product of ignorance.

The loss of the relation to nature goes hand in hand with the loss of one's own self.



**Dr. S. Cromwell
Crawford**

Worked as a Professor
of the Dept. of Religions
at University of Hawaii



Head Vs Heart

People grow in age. Their bodies become older but their mind remains retarded. Psychologists during First World War found that average psychological age is only 12 years.

A real grown up person is a flowering. His life is not divided - but unfortunately, most of us are retarded. Head becomes bigger and bigger and the heart goes on shrinking - that is how the monster is created. Our education bypasses heart. The moment heart will start functioning it will be difficult for head to take possession of you. The entire society is full of heads and not heart.



Max Ehrmann
Writer of a famous
prose poem
"Desiderata"



Spaceship Earth

Instead of the old "cowboy economy" of unending resources, more everything forever, we have to reconcile ourselves to the Spaceship Earth, where most of the resources, not renewable, may have to be recycled. This means that the three basic questions of optimum population, wealth and nature have to be looked into. For a control and review of technology, a limit to grow seems inescapable. The era of conspicuous waste over, we may have to do with less. This does not mean a stationary, unrewarding society so much as a stable, self-restrained society.



Sisirkumar Ghose
Freedom fighter and
founder of the Amrita
Bazar Patrika