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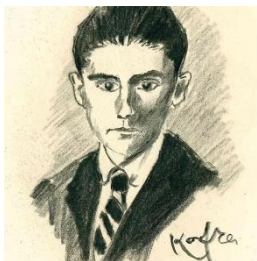
The Pervasiveness of Loss

Franz Kafka, the story goes, encountered a little girl in the park where he went walking daily. She was crying. She had lost her doll and was desolate.

Kafka offered to help her look for the doll and arranged to meet her the next day at the same spot. Unable to find the doll he composed a letter from the doll and read it to her when they met.

"Please do not mourn me, I have gone on a trip to see the world. I will write you of my adventures." This was the beginning of many letters. When he and the little girl met he read her from these carefully composed letters the imagined adventures of the beloved doll. The little girl was comforted.

When the meetings came to an end Kafka presented her with a doll. She obviously looked different from the original doll. An attached letter explained: "my travels have changed me..."



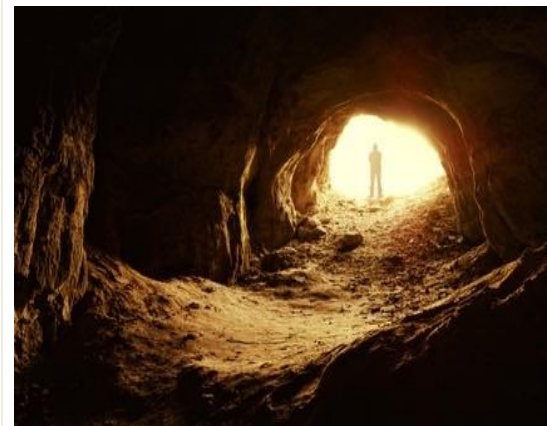
Many years later, the now grown girl found a letter stuffed into an unnoticed crevice in the cherished replacement doll. In summary it said: "everything that you love, you will eventually lose, but in the end, love will return in a different form."

Franz Kafka was a German-speaking Bohemian Jewish novelist and short story writer, widely regarded as one of the major figures of 20th-century literature.



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*Asato maa sad gamaya
Tamaso maa jyotirgamaya
Mrutyormaa amrtam gamaya ||*

*Almighty, lead me from the
untruth to the truth. Lead me
from darkness to light. Lead me
from death to immortality
(Brihadaranyaka Upanishad)*



"The principal mark of genius is not perfection but originality, the opening of new frontiers"

- Arthur Koestler



Happenings this month:
Sustainable Agriculture



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Training programme on "Bio-pest Repellents" was held at Technology Resource Center on 24th November. 08 participants attended the training. Shri.S.Rajamony was the resource person.



Our Secretary, Shri.G.Vasudeo interacting with the participants

Training programme on "Integrated Farming" was held at Pottalkulam on 27th November. 30 participants attended the training. Shri.S.Rajamony was the resource person. The programme was sponsored by ATMA, Kanyakumari Dist



ATMA staff explaining about the scheme to the farmers



Feedback from the field

Organic cultivator

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My name is Krishnaveni. I am a Social worker cum farmer. I am also associated with Vivekananda Kendra since last 15 years. I underwent training on 'Shakti Surabhi Kitchen Waste Bio-methanation plant' and 'Sustainable Agriculture' at Vivekananda Kendra - NARDEP. There I Learned Panchagavya preparation.

Recently on 04.10.2018, I again went to Vivekananda Kendra to update my knowledge and attended "Sustainable Livelihood" training. Now I am preparing Panchagavya from the outlet slurry of Shakti Surabhi Bio-methanation plant and using it in my garden regularly. My dream is to develop a terrace garden in my house. Thanks to Vivekananda Kendra Team for regular guidance.



"Nothing is more sad than the death of an illusion"

- Arthur Koestler



**Happenings this month:
Renewable Energy**



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**Happenings this month:
Sustainable Agriculture**

43 students from Tamilnadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore visited Gramodaya Park on 18th November as a part of Study tour. Students learned Bio-methanation technologies.



Shri.V.Ramakrishnan explaining Shakti Surabhi Bio-methanation technology to the students

**Construction of Portable Type Bio-methanation plants -
IFAD, Tiruvarur 1cum - 10 nos.
IFAD, Tirunelveli 1cum - 17 nos**



Biogas users proudly posing for the photograph

Green health home worked for 4 days and treated 191 patients.

VK-Nardep is constructing Bio-methanation plants in the coastal districts of Tamilnadu under IFAD scheme. As a part of the training users group from three districts visited Kanyakumari on the following days:

09.11.18 - Ramanathapuram - 65 participants
14.11.18 - Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi - 60 participants
16.11. 18 - Ramanathapuram - 50 participants



Shri.V.Ramakrishnan explaining the Bio-methanation technology in-front of the Users group



"Creative activity could be described as a type of learning process where teacher and pupil are located in the same individual"

- Arthur Koestler



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As reported earlier, Shakti Surabhi goes to North. Our associates - Kashi Sewa Sadan Samiti, Varanasi started manufacturing portable Bio-methanation plants at Varanasi. Our Supervisor Shri.Muneeswaran is guiding the artisans and local workers in manufacturing the plant using fiber glass



Manufacturing of fiber glass Bio-methanation plants is on



Gaja cyclone made havoc in the coastal districts of Tamilnadu mainly Tanjavur, Tiruvaur and Nagapatinam. 5 new Bio-methanation plants and some of the earlier commissioned plants damaged due to nature's fury.



Team members along with Shri.Muneeswaran behind the manufactured portable Bio-methanation plants



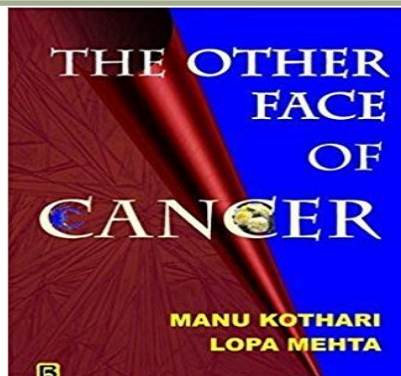


"Creativity is the defeat of habit by originality"

- Arthur Koestler



Visions of Wisdom



The Other Face of Cancer

Kothari and Mehta also found that treatment by radiation or chemotherapy can often serve to destabilize and worsen the patient's already fragile medical condition. Thus, in numerous cases, no treatment is decidedly better than any treatment: for instance, in a survey of cases of treated and untreated breast cancers, they found the mortality rate in both was the same.

The Other Face of Cancer is bound to raise the hackles of those who profit from the continuing ignorance and hysteria over the disease. But no less a person than Nobel prize-winner Watson dismissed cancer research as "scientifically bankrupt, therapeutically ineffective and wasteful". Another Nobel prize-winner, Burnet, joined him in stating quite bluntly that the end-result of thousands of hours of cancer research has been "precisely nil". So it's about time the truth was told.



**Dr. Manu Kothari &
Dr. Lopa Mehta**
The Other India Press
Mapusa – Goa 1979



Zero Emission Economics

Industry must be willing to put its present selection of raw materials under scrutiny, rethink the manufacturing and distribution process, and be ready to engage in a search for zero emissions manufacturing.

The economic axiom of minimum input and maximum output naturally leads to the goal of total throughput with no waste the highest level of efficiency that can be achieved. While this goal is logical, it will require a massive effort from scientists to invent the new technologies needed, from business to identify the synergies required, from entrepreneurs to capitalize on the new opportunities traditional management neglects, and from the government to adopt an industrial policy framework.



Gunter Pauli
Author of The Blue
Economy



Science for unified vision

We are accustomed to using 'science and technology' as a single phrase and hence take it for granted that they represent two aspects of the thing, science stands for the theory part and technology for the application part. But there is a very important though neglected difference between the two. Because of the adversary relationship that we have adopted with respect to nature, technology as it stands today essentially involves manipulation, i.e. a cunning attempt to control the forces around us. We often assume that science also stands for the same. But this is not the case, that genuine science involves the opposite, it stands for that principle which unifies all, and hence true science represents a striving to obliterate the distinction between 'me' and the 'other' an attempt to tune in with the Infinite that embraces one and all.



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A Gandhian Scholar