



Vivekananda Kendra Natural Resources Development Project Kanyakumari - 629 702

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More commonly known as VK-NARDEP, it is yet another integral project of Vivekananda Kendra. In a world beset with dwindling resources and rising consumption levels, it seeks to address the real issues and suggests refreshing alternatives. Endeavoring to promote indigenous traditional sciences and technologies, supplementing them with modern ones, it organises awareness camps, seminars, workshops and publications. Working in harmony with other like-minded organisations and in technical collaboration with several scientific research institutes, it promotes simple, eco-friendly technologies, which help the common people to practice conservation. The aim is to transform opportunities offered by time-tested methods into tangible benefits to the people.



Green Construction:

- ✦ Dissemination more than thirty five eco – friendly technologies
- ✦ Conducting training and Awareness programmes
- ✦ Live model demonstrations and training for masons, engineers etc
- ✦ Rural Building centre for training mason, Engineer and Architects



Water Management:

- ✦ Community water harvesting projects
- ✦ Roof water harvesting
- ✦ Revival of traditional water harvesting structures all over Tamilnadu
- ✦ Models for urban and rural rain water harvesting
- ✦ Grey and Black water management
- ✦ Training in Water Management
- ✦ Recipient of Bhoomijal Samvardhan Award(2007) and Best NGO award for our work in Rameswaram (2020) from the Govt. of India



Sustainable Agriculture :

- ✦ Biogas slurry based organic inputs for agriculture
- ✦ Backyard Azolla cultivation as bio -feed for poultry and livestock
- ✦ Organic formulations for growth promoters and pest management
- ✦ Documentation of traditional knowledge of agricultural practices
- ✦ Training in Sustainable Agriculture.
- ✦ Societal Innovation Award for Azolla technology (2010)



Indian System of Medicine :

- ✦ Green Health Home (Siddha)
- ✦ Rural Health awareness and mass medical campus
- ✦ Rural home health gardens
- ✦ Documentation of traditional medical knowledge
- ✦ Preparing herbal medicines through rural women SHG's

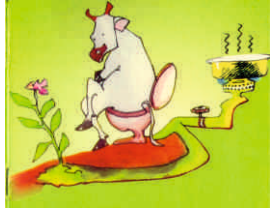




Varmam Research and Resource Center :

- ✦ Dissemination of Varma Knowledge through yearly training courses
- ✦ Propagating Varmam Kalari
- ✦ Practice of Varma Massge
- ✦ Dissemination of Varmam knowledge
- ✦ Application, Clinical Research and Development
- ✦ Varmam Medicine
- ✦ Documentation of varmam literature including palm leafs

Bio Energy



- ✦ Construction of Gobar gas plants throughout India
- ✦ Many Publications on Biogas technology
- ✦ Awareness and training programme for masons and general public
- ✦ Kitchen waste based "Shakti Surabhi" Bio-Methanation plant
- ✦ Recipient of International Ashden Award (2006)
- ✦ Patent for "Shakti Surabh" model -India, China, South Africa & Sri lanka

Inner Sustainability :



- ✦ Publishing books on sustainable development
- ✦ Refresher courses and motivation camps for different stakeholders
- ✦ Networking with other voluntary organizations and scientific institutions
- ✦ Eco - Camps for schools and college students

Gramodaya for Right Living :



- ✦ Gramodaya for Right Living is an exhibition on Sustainable development having four main verticals namely (i) Shelter (ii) Water management (iii) Sustainable agriculture and (iv) Holistic health.
- ✦ There are about 100 Green technologies explained through colour panels and limited number of models

Green Rameswaram :



Green Rameswaram project (Year 2013) is an initiative of Vivekananda Kendra - Nardep. As a catalytic agent, it has brought the stakeholders of the Island including the lines departments of the District administration together through Networking to join hands for achieving "Green Resilient Rameswaram". It has 9 verticals such as (i) Water management (ii) Waste management (iii) New and Renewable energy (iv) New merchandise and Livelihoods (v) Heritage (vi) Green health (vii) Marine biodiversity (viii) Landscaping and beautification and (ix) Eco-tourism

Vasudha - Enabling Sustainable Living :



Vasudha, meaning Mother Earth, symbolizes the nurturing bond between humanity and the planet. Inspired by the story of Bhagiratha and Earth's transformative journey, it urges us to restore balance through sustainable living. The logo depicts Earth as a loving mother and uses blue (sky and sea), green (growth), and brown (soil) to reflect harmony with nature. Vasudhaa is a call for collective action—a movement to protect, nurture, and sustain our planet for future generation.

