FROM THE EDITOR

Consumerism of the present society craves for energy, to satisfy its never fulfilled yearnings. Even today, one significant yardstick for measuring the development of a country or a community is the amount of energy consumed by it, most of the time with impunity, in regard to irreversible damages to the environment. What many eastern cultures knew and practiced naturally for centuries, the cultures in the forefront of the ‘Industrial Revolution’ are discovering now, under the headings ‘Sustainable’ and ‘Renewable’.

Having long being in the ‘under developed’ and ‘developing’ tags, we have finally achieved an intermediate level of development based on per capita income. However, in the process we have tended to forget our long inculcated traditions of sustainable life styles and renewing what we have consumed, for the generations in the future.

A renewable energy demonstration centre could be termed as a progressive effort to remind us and the new generations, what a ‘green’ life style could be, coupled with the modern indulgences in moderation.

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