Plant a Fruit tree this monsoon; your grandchildren maybe grateful

TIST in new villages at Kodungalur

TIST had an introduction meeting at Kavedu, a village at Kodungalur Center on 09.04.2006. There were more than 20 participants from the village. TIST officials explained the procedure to the participants to join with TIST. Very soon, there will be yet another meeting at Kavedu for recruiting the villagers as Small Groups under TIST Program, before which, TIST Officials will make a sight visit of all the land in which tree planting work would be carried out by the new Small Groups of Kavedu.

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TIST requests all the existing Members/Small Groups to find if they have any of their friends / relatives at Kavedu, if so, inform them to join with TIST during the recruitment meeting as Small Groups and get benefited and make use of the excellent opportunity.

**Log Book Maintenance**

Every Small Group should maintain a Log Book, wherein they should maintain all their details pertaining to TIST activities, like each families tree/seedling/grove details should be made a record on weekly / monthly basis. Minutes of their Small Groups meeting should be recorded. The Log Book should be brought to the Node Meeting along with their SGMR. Sakthi and Nila Small Groups of Sokandi Village are maintaining their Log Book very neatly and updating the data regularly. Certainly, there are few other Small Groups who are maintaining a Log Book, but they all need to maintain it neatly and regular updates should be done.

**Kavedu Meeting**

(Kavedu கேவட்டு மாடின்று)
Sakthi and Small Group – Log Book Maintenance / 
சாக்தி பொழுது பிள்ளை சிறு குழந்தை – சிறுப் பொழுது பிள்ளை வழங்க (சாக்தி)
What happened to the man who killed the duck that hatched golden eggs?

A man who had a duck that hatched a golden eggs every day became too greedy one day and thought that instead of getting one golden egg every day, it would be nice to get lot many golden eggs by tearing the ducks stomach. What happened? The duck died and man was left with nothing.

We see few members selling their land. Our question is that, what will happen to your children and grandchildren, who will be left with no land like the man who killed the duck that hatched golden eggs? Just having hundred rupee note in your pocket will not serve your purpose, you will have to use the hundred rupee effectively, so that, it serves your purpose. Same way, the land that you own should be used effectively. Don’t miss your opportunities in the TIST Program. As a participant in the TIST program, you have the opportunity to join with some of your neighbors to improve your life and your income, change the landscape in your village and improve the environment! Are you making the most of all the opportunities and benefits TIST offers to you and to your Small Group?
What to do before May-June 2006 Voucher Payment?

1. Small Groups who have single kind of species should immediately start different variety of seedlings

2. If your groves are not quantified, tell your quantifier to quantify them immediately

3. Small Groups who have not signed the GHG should immediately meet the TIST Officials in the Node and sigh the GHG

4. Small Groups who have not given their land detail proof should immediately give it to the TIST Officials

5. Small Groups who have missed out to give SGMR in the past for one or two months should give it immediately to the TIST Officials. Once the voucher is generated, it is difficult to add SGMR reports for the past months, which will affect the voucher payment

Chittoor Node / சித்தூர் நாடு

Kodungalur Node

Kattiampandal Node / காடியம்பாண்டல் நாடு
Tamarind Tree

The tamarind, a slow-growing, long-lived, massive tree reaches, under favorable conditions, a height of 80 or even 100 ft (24-30 m), and may attain a spread of 40 ft (12 m) and a trunk circumference of 25 ft (7.5 m).

The tree tolerates a great diversity of soil types, from deep alluvial soil to rocky land and porous, oolitic limestone. It withstands salt spray and can be planted fairly close to the seashore.

Tamarind seeds remain viable for months, will germinate in a week after planting. In the past, propagation has been customarily by seed sown in position, with thorny branches protecting the young seedlings. However, today, young trees are usually grown in nurseries. And there is intensified interest in vegetative propagation of selected varieties because of the commercial potential of tamarind products. The tree can be grown easily from cuttings, or by shield-budding, side-veneer grafting, or air-layering.

Nursery-grown trees are usually transplanted during the early rainy season. If kept until the second rainy season, the plants must be cut back and the taproot trimmed. Spacing may be 33 to 65 ft (10-20 m) between trees each way, depending on the fertility of the soil. With sufficient water and regular weeding, the seedlings will reach 2 ft (60 cm) the first year and 4 ft (120 cm) by the second year.

Sign the GHG agreement and take the Voucher payment.

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Harvesters may merely shake the branches to cause mature fruits to fall and they leave the remainder to fall naturally when ripe.

A mature tree may annually produce 150-225 kg.

**Job Opportunity**

There are few vacancies in TIST India like, Quantifier & Coordinator. Interested members may meet your TIST Officials. You can also introduce your relatives and friends for these jobs, but they should join with TIST as Small Groups before taking up the responsibilities of a Quantifier or Coordinator.
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