Happy Women’s Day –

TIST India wishes a Happy Women’s Day to all the Women Members. Who may make discovery of a woman of virtue? For her price is much higher than jewels (Proverb 31:10).

Painting Competition for children

Many children from TIST Small Groups participated in the painting competition conducted by TIST India and illustrated beautiful and meaningful pictures on the title “Trees”. Maximum participants were from Semboondi Village. TIST requests every member to participate in all the TIST activities.
TIST Women Members

04/11/2006

27/01/2001

13/10/2001

13/01/2000

TIST India: New No.52, Guru Ram Flats, Flat D, Venkat Ratnam Nagar, Adyar 600 020. Phone: 044 24411637, Mobile: 9840299822, Web: www.tist.org
TIST USA: Phone: 001 9188511917 Email: rameshn@tist.com
Semboondy Children

Kattiampandal & Vellaputur of Uttiramerrur

All the Small Group members of Kattiampandal & Vellaputur area are requested to introduce new Small Groups to TIST Program from your area. There should be minimum 40 Small Groups located at your area that are all within walking distance (or bicycle) of each other. To start with, every Small Group should have the capacity to plant minimum 1000 trees and over the next 5 years they should increase the tree count by minimum 30%.

During the month of February 2007, ArulparamJyothi Small Group introduced three new Small Groups from Vellaputur to TIST Program. TIST extends a big thanks to ArulparamJyothi.
Members of Kattiampandal & Vellaputur

Ulundai & Kodungalur of Mel Kodungalur

During the month of February 2007, 5 new Small Groups joined TIST Program from Ulundai & Kodungalur area. These new Small Groups come under Mel Kodungalur Node. Mel Kodungalur will become the first Cluster in TIST Program by end of March 2007. A cluster is where a minimum of 40 groups are located that are all within walking (or bicycling) distance of each other. This way the groups can hold cluster meetings where they can walk to or bicycle to. TIST looks forward to have Cluster formation to train Small Groups more efficiently.
TIST India expanding at Tiruvallur District

Last three months, TIST program reached several villages at Tiruvallur District. Several new Small Groups have joined TIST India from Tiruvallur District. Villages like Placepalayam, Allikuli, Thimmaboopalapuram and Kammavarpalayam of Tiruvallur District are under TIST Program. During the month of February, 50 new Small Groups were recruited in and around these 4 villages. This is the 2nd Cluster for TIST Program. These 50 new Small Groups are planning to have nursery till end of June 2007. After June 2007, during the rainy season all the seedlings from the nursery would be transplanted.
TIST Small Group Eligibility Requirements

Here are the main requirements that have to be met by Small Group to qualify for the TIST Program

1. There should be 6 to 12 members in your Small Group from at least 3 different families.
2. Each Small Group should have a minimum of 1,000 live trees within 1-year after joining the TIST program.
3. Each Small Group should have a minimum of 5,000 live trees within 5-years after joining the TIST program.
4. Your Small Group should replant trees that die, for any reason, each year for at least 20 years.
5. All Small Groups should sign the Greenhouse Gas contract.
6. TIST will pay US$ 0.03 (Rs. 1.50) per live tree per year (please review Greenhouse gas contract for more details on payment).
7. Tree species that are treated as bushes or hedges (less than 4 meters tall) would not be counted as TIST trees.
8. Trees planted at a spacing of less than 2 meters will not be counted as TIST trees.
9. TIST will allow harvesting of live trees that are 10 years or older. However, total trees harvested in any year should not exceed 5% of the group’s total live trees.

TIST சிலைத் குழு அவ்வுரை தொடர்புகள்

TIST-சிலைத் குழு அவ்வுரை அவ்வுரைக்குழுச்சேர்மத்தின்
அவ்வுரைத் தொடர்பு வேளாண்மை வழக்காடி கூறும்

1. குழுக்கள் வசதியர் சிலைத் குழுக்களத்தின்
ervatives (சிலை 6 வருட வரை 12 சிலைத் குழுக்களை எடு
சிலை குழுக்கள் வசதியர் வழக்காடி கூறும்.
2. குழுக்கள் வசதியர், TIST-ச் சிலைத் குழுக்களை
வசதியர் வசதியர் வசதியர் வசதியாக 1000–
வசதியர் வசதியாக்குவதற்கு வசதியார்
3. குழுக்கள் வசதியர், வசதியர் வசதியாக 5
வசதியர் வசதியாக்குவதற்கு 5000– வசதியாக
வசதியார் வசதியார்
4. குழுக்கள் வசதியர், வசதியர் வசதியாக
சிலைத் குழுக்களை வசதியாக்குவதற்கு 20
வசதியார் வசதி
வசதியார் வசதியார்
5. அவ்வுரையின் சிலைத் குழுக்களை
சிலைத் குழுக்களை வசதியார் வசதியார்
வசதியார் வசதியார்
6. TIST சிலைத் குழுக்களை US$ 0.03
(ரூ.1.50) வசதியார் வசதியார்
வசதியார் (வசதியார் வசதியார்
வசதியார் வசதியார்
7. 4 வசதியார் வசதியார் வசதியார்
வசதியார் வசதியார் TIST–
வசதியார் வசதியார்
8. குழுக்கள் 2 வசதியார் வசதியார்
வசதியார் தம்மை
வசதியார் தம்மை
9. பெரும் 10 பெரும் வசதியார்
பெரும் நிலாக்கம்
பெரும் நிலாக்கம் கூறும்
தொடர்பு வழக்காடி கூறும்

v
10. Each Small Group should have less than 33% "short rotation trees" (example Eucalyptus). Present groups who have planted much more than 33% short rotation trees will have five years (until 2012) to plant additional trees and or harvest present trees until they meet this requirement.

11. TIST Small Groups should allow TIST quantifiers to come and quantify their trees once a year. Small Groups should organize with other Small Groups in their area to provide food and shelter for the quantifiers during these annual quantification visits.

12. Members of each Small Group should meet together to share ideas and best practices every week. If meeting every week is not possible then group members should meet at least once a month.

13. Small Group members should provide proof of land ownership or control for land where they have planted TIST trees.

14. Small Group members should participate in TIST training to help develop and share best practices with other TIST groups.

15. The area where your Small Group is located should have other Small Groups, that are all within walking distance of each other, that have planted a combined total of 100,000 live trees within 1-year with a potential to plant a combined total of 300,000 trees in 5-years.
What type of trees to grow?

Trees are important tools in the fight to stave off global warming, because they absorb and store the key greenhouse gas emitted by our cars and power plants, carbon dioxide (CO2), before it has a chance to reach the upper atmosphere where it can help trap heat around the Earth’s surface.

While all living plant matter absorbs CO2 as part of photosynthesis, trees process significantly more than smaller plants due to their large size and extensive root structures. In essence, trees, as kings of the plant world, have much more “woody biomass” to store CO2 than smaller plants, and as a result are considered nature’s most efficient “carbon sinks.” According to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), tree species that grow quickly and live long are ideal carbon sinks.

We have several huge and long-standing trees like Neem, Tamarind, Mango, Hawaiian-Giant (Subapul) and Cotton that absorb great amount of CO2 and they also give good revenue. The Balaji Small Group of Mel Kodungalur have 300 cotton trees in their groves, which gets them Rs.15,000 to Rs.20,000 in addition to the TIST Voucher payment.

The Great Banyan tree, which grows tall and spreads enormously, has a crown circumference of over 330m. Banyan trees have latex. There is a belief that latex trees attract rain clouds.
Small Groups of Vandhavasi Center

Most of the Small Groups of Vandhavasi Center were having Casuarina trees as major portion in their groves till December 2007. During January and February 2007, all the groups started nursery with different types of trees species (other than casuarinas and eucalyptus). They are all in the process of fulfilling the 30:30:40 ratio of tree species. Small Groups like Nelli, Lotus, Vasudev and Chamundeswari are very active in Node meetings and they are all introducing new Small Groups to TIST Program.

Poetry Writing

This competition is exclusively for our Women Members. Write a short poetry on “Trees” and win exciting prizes.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>குழுவர்</th>
<th>மண்டல குழுவர் பெண்</th>
<th>தலைவர்</th>
<th>மண்டல தலைவர்</th>
<th>குழுவர் &amp; தலைவர்</th>
<th>குழுவர்</th>
<th>தலைவர்</th>
<th>குழுவர்</th>
<th>தலைவர்</th>
<th>குழுவர்</th>
<th>தலைவர்</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>பண்பாத்திரை, பாரணை புராணிகள் பேரோட்டு போன்றவர்</td>
<td>பண்பாத்திரை, பாரணை புராணிகள் போன்றவர்</td>
<td>பண்பாத்திரை, பாரணை புராணிகள் போன்றவர்</td>
<td>பண்பாத்திரை, பாரணை புராணிகள் போன்றவர்</td>
<td>03.03.2007</td>
<td>மார்ச் 3.00</td>
<td>ஜூலை 4.00</td>
<td>மார்ச் 5.30</td>
<td>ஜூலை 6.30</td>
<td>மார்ச் 7.00</td>
<td>ஜூலை 8.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>குழுவர்</td>
<td>குழுவர்</td>
<td>குழுவர்</td>
<td>குழுவர்</td>
<td>11.03.2007</td>
<td>மார்ச் 9.00</td>
<td>ஜூலை 12.00</td>
<td>மார்ச் 11.00</td>
<td>ஜூலை 12.00</td>
<td>மார்ச் 11.00</td>
<td>ஜூலை 12.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>குழுவர்</td>
<td>குழுவர்</td>
<td>குழுவர்</td>
<td>குழுவர்</td>
<td>18.03.2007</td>
<td>மார்ச் 8.30</td>
<td>ஜூலை 10.30</td>
<td>மார்ச் 11.00</td>
<td>ஜூலை 11.00</td>
<td>மார்ச் 11.00</td>
<td>ஜூலை 11.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>குழுவர்</td>
<td>குழுவர்</td>
<td>குழுவர்</td>
<td>குழுவர்</td>
<td>24.03.2007</td>
<td>மார்ச் 3.00</td>
<td>ஜூலை 5.00</td>
<td>மார்ச் 3.00</td>
<td>ஜூலை 5.00</td>
<td>மார்ச் 3.00</td>
<td>ஜூலை 5.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**TIST India**: New No.52, Guru Ram Flats, Flat D, Venkat Ratnam Nagar, Adyar 600020, Phone : 044 24411637, Mobile : 9840299822, Web: www.tist.org

**TIST USA**: Phone : 001 9188511917 Email : rameshn@tist.com