Chezhumai

The seeds we plant today, with sun & rain and rest, will grow to be the shade that all the land wears best

Mannatchi Amman Small Group of Pudukandigai

This Small Group is with TIST for more than 6 months now and their Node meeting is at Placepalayam. They have planted few hundred mango trees in five different groves. They belong to Pudukandigai village/hamlet. They have given large distance between each mango trees. During the rainy season, they are planning to plant few more vertically growing long standing trees in between these mango trees and all around their five groves. Teak is vertically growing tree, this can be used in the borders.
There are more than 100 Small Groups in and around Placepalayam area. This is in Tiruvallur district. The small groups of Placepalayam plant more of Mango, Neem, Teak and Cashew in this area. Baseline quantification and normal quantification is being performed in this area since two months now. There are more than 28,700 trees and 1,656 seedlings in Placepalayam. By July end, quantification would be completed for all the 100 Small Groups. Three Nodes center has been formed in Placepalayam, namely, DB Puram, Allikuli and Placepalayam Node.
Small Groups Recruitment Meeting

During May 2007, there was a meeting organized at Salavedu to get new small groups. Several villages participated in the meeting. The meeting was organized in a local government school. There were members from existing small group, like Salsa and Chandiran too, to explain the upcoming members all about the TIST activities. Expecting to get at least 15 new small groups from Salavedu. This would fall under Mel Kodungalur Node. TIST India requests all the members & Small Groups to introduce their friends and relatives from Salavedu to join TIST India and enjoy the benefits of the program.
New Office for TIST India

TIST India opened a new office in Mel Kodungalur to facilitate all the Small groups of Mel Kodungalur, Vandhavasi and Semboondi. Very soon, a computer would be installed with internet facility, which will enable all the quantifiers sync their palm immediately after quantification.

Useful Trees to Grow

All Small Groups grow several trees, which would be useful in their future by giving good revenue. While we do well for us, let us also do well for the nature. Let every small group plant one-banyan tree for their group. There is an old wise saying that, “banyan trees attract rain clouds – rain cloud cannot pass away the banyan trees without showering”.

Banyan Tree / Mykuk;
A large forest tree in India, banyan can be grown for a limited time - often several years - as a pot plant. Even growing in a heated greenhouse it will reach 10m or so don't expect to be able to keep this plant for ever. It needs to be kept in a warm place all year round. Banyan trees are important as shady gathering places and they feature strongly in South Asian mythology. They also provide a source of shellac and dye.

The banyan tree is named after 'banyans' or 'banians', the Hindu traders seen resting or carrying out their business under the tree. In fact banyans have become important meeting places for many people who gather in its shade to relax or chat. In Hindu mythology, the banyan tree is also called kalpavriksha meaning 'wish fulfilling tree'. It represents eternal life because of its seemingly ever-expanding branches and people have great respect for it. There are many stories about it in ancient literature. Banyan trees have aerial roots - running from branches to the ground - which enable trees to become very large - up to 200 metres in diameter.

First Node meeting in Placepalayam

Three Nodes center has been formed in Placepalayam, namely, DB Puram, Allikuli and Placepalayam Node. These Node centers had first Node meeting on 24 th May 2007. In all the three Nodes, several small groups participated in full enthusiasms and got their doubts cleared.
Node Meeting at Placepalayam / “nehL” T l k; gpa s ! gh i s ak;

Node Meeting at DB Puram / “nehL” T l k; o gpwkk;