

Fees for Trees

When it was discovered that quite a number of the children from poor families were still dropping out because their parents couldn't pay their fees or for their educational materials, Pitchandikulam Forest started a 'Fees for Trees' scheme. Under this scheme the fees for these children are paid by an NGO directly to the school, in return for which the child is required to dig the holes, prepare the compost for and plant 5 trees (3 medicinal, 1 fruit and 1 indigenous) somewhere close to the family home, and then protect and take full care of them to maturity. Many students have done this as a combined project learning to plant and look after the trees as a group. At the same time they are made aware of their positive contribution to the fight against global warming. This scheme has official support of the school headmaster, parent-teacher association, and the local education department.

From 2005 over 50 students have benefited from this scheme.

If you are interested in contributing to this scheme please Contact us at Pitchandikulam Forest.