

LINKAGES AND COLLABORATIONS

CTRI has developed strong linkages with various organisations at regional, national and international level. At regional level, linkage between CTRI and various state government departments and Agricultural Universities in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Orissa and West Bengal was established to provide an effective thrust to Indian tobacco development. Central organisations like Tobacco Board, Department of Biotechnology and lead banks are associated with different tobacco development programmes.

Research projects have been taken up with the collaboration of various research organizations such as NBPGR, New Delhi, CIAE, Bhopal, PDBC, Bangalore and NBSS & LUP, Nagpur.

Sl. No.	Name of the Collaborating Agency	Project title/Activity
a) National Institutes/Agricultural Universities		
1.	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi	Pilot project on "Alternative crops to <i>Bidi</i> and Chewing tobacco in different AESRs in the country"
2.	Bureau of Indian Standards, New Delhi	Development of Indian standards for tobacco and tobacco products
3.	Department of Biotechnology, New Delhi	Empowerment of tribals through agro-ecological conservation and bio-technological approaches in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh
4.	Tobacco Board, Guntur	Model Project Area scheme and on-farm trials for improving yield and quality of FCV tobacco in different zones
5.	National Bureau of Soil Survey & Land Use Planning, Nagpur	Soil resource mapping of tobacco growing areas in India
6.	National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi	National Active Germplasm Site (NAGS)
7.	Directorate of Oil Palm Research, Pedavegi	Production technology for oil palm and intercropping of FCV tobacco in oil palm
8.	Department of Agriculture in different states	Transfer of technology in non-FCV types and supply of inputs
9.	Indian Meteorology Dept., Pune	Maintenance of meteorological observatories at different Stations
10.	M/s ITC Ltd.-ILTD Divn., M/s. Godfrey Phillips India Ltd., M/s. VST Industries Ltd. and ITA, Guntur	Research and development activities, organising training programmes, field trials on latest packages, variety release proposals, manufacturing tests and storage tests
11.	PDBC, Bangalore	Coordinated trials in Biological control
(b) International Institutions		
1.	CORESTA, France	Evaluation of pest and disease resistant varieties
2.	ISO-TC126, Berlin, Germany	Development of international standards for tobacco and tobacco products