

The Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka

St. Coomb Estate, Talawakelle

Brief History

Tea Research Institute (TRI) was established in 1925 by government ordinance. From 1925 to 1957, it was an arm of the Planter's Association of Ceylon. From 1957 it has been a Government institution. At present, the TRI operates in terms of the Tea Research Board Act, No. 52 of 1993.

Main Centre

St. Coombs Estate, Talawakelle

Regional Centres

Low Country Research, Advisory & Extension Centre, Ratnapura

Mid Country Research, Advisory & Extension Centre, Kandy

Uva Advisory & Extension Centre, Passara

Galle Advisory & Extension Centre, Kottawa

Deniyaya Advisory & Extension Centre, Kotapola

Objectives

To improve the productivity of tea smallholdings, estates and factories through scientific research and recommending appropriate technologies.

Activities

- Accelerate development of location-specific planting material with desirable attributes for provision to commercial, estate and smallholder nurseries.
- Rationalize and optimize fertilizer and dolomite use in tea lands.
- Manage pests and diseases using rational, integrated methods.
- Minimize or eliminate economic losses during the rehabilitation of tea soils.
- Optimize land use through intercropping and crop diversification.
- Improve the quality of made tea and develop value-added tea products.
- Automate and computerize tea manufacture and reduce energy and other costs.
- Establish factory hygiene and attain ISO standards.
- Increase worker productivity and implement activities to foster wellness and dignity in workers to increase their productivity through ergonomics and to encourage them by adequate social and welfare measures.
- Disseminate and make economic and impact assessments of appropriate technologies and train the trainers of tea estate personnel and smallholders.

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