



**UPASI  
TEA RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

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**Particulars of Organisation, Functions, and Duties**

**Name and address of the Organization**

UPASI Tea Research Foundation,  
Glenview, Coonoor,  
The Nilgiris. Tamil Nadu,  
India – 643101

**Head of the Organization**

Board of Trustees headed by Managing Trustee

**Vision, Mission and Key Objectives**

To carry out and promote research and other scientific work connected with the cultivation, production and procession of tea and other related aspects.

To make UPASI Tea Research foundation a core organization to serve the tea industry and promote the tea trade.

## **Function and Duties**

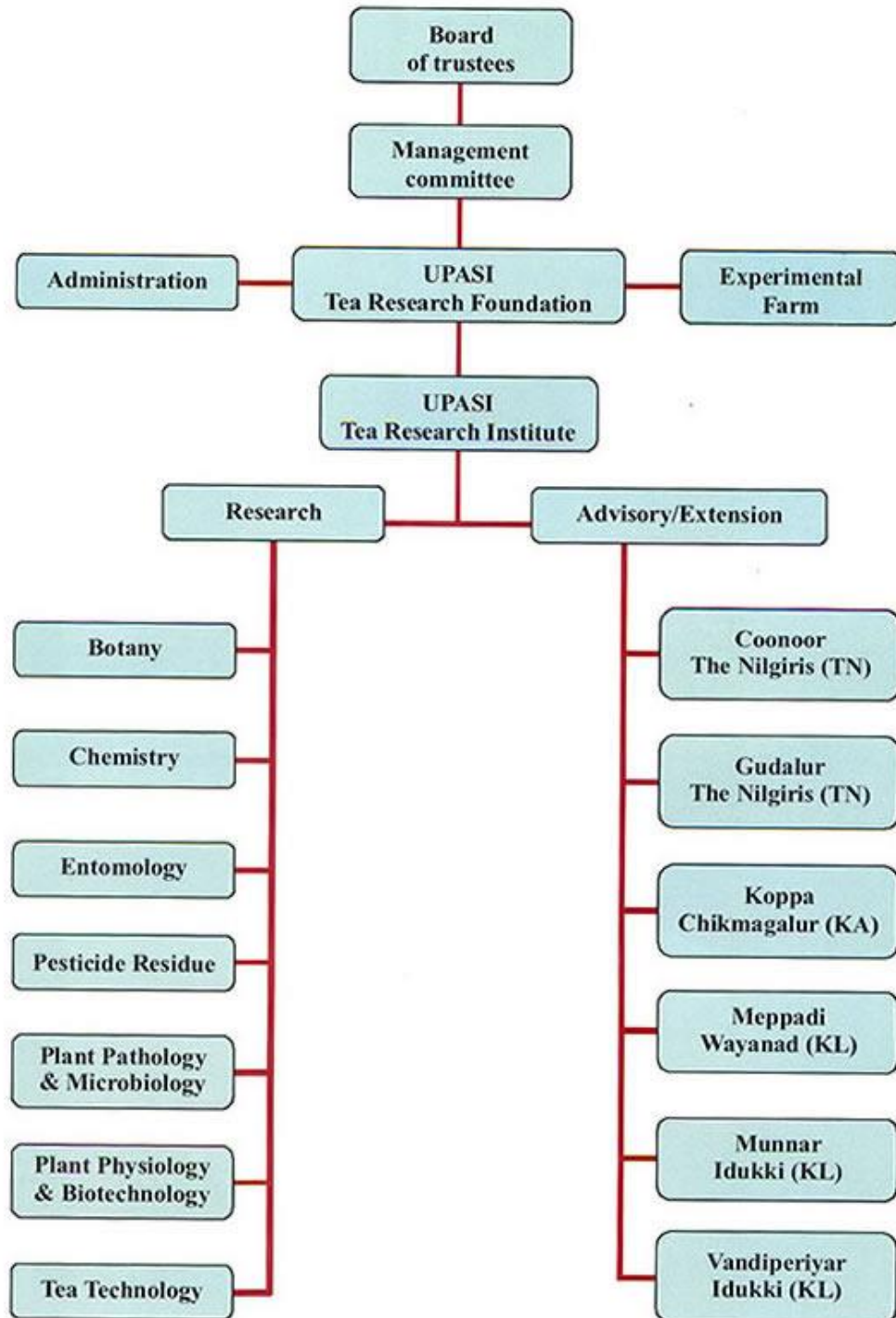
- Scientific Research pertaining to cultivation, production and processing of Tea and other allied aspects.
- Analytical Services: Chemistry, Tea Technology, Pesticide Residue, Pathology and Physiology Divisions at TRI, Valparai and Chemical Laboratory, Regional Centre, Coonoor extend comprehensive analytical services while laboratories in other regional centres possess very limited analytical facilities. TRI also carry out field bio-efficacy trials and residue quantification in tea necessary for the registration of pesticides, fungicides, herbicides and plant growth regulators.
- Service to Small Growers: The regional centres of UPASI TRF offer services to small tea growers by extending advice and analytical services.
- Training Programmes: TRF organizes training programmes on situation warranted relevant topics as well as on entire gamut of tea cultivation for the benefit of executives, field staff and workforce. Factory staff benefited through the training programme on tea manufacture.
- Industrial Training: UPASI TRI offers short-term industrial training programme in biotechnology, biochemistry and microbiology to the undergraduate and postgraduate students belonging to various academic institutions at the nominal cost. Students (M.Sc./B.Tech. Biotech) preferred to do their project work as an integral part of their course also given opportunity at TRI to complete their curriculum for a period of maximum three months. Lectures are delivered by subject experts for the benefit of students from universities and colleges visiting the TRI.
- Undertaking projects/schemes funded by outside agencies.

## **Organizational Chart**

1. Board of Trustees.
2. Management Committee.
3. UPASI Tea Research Institute: Following Divisions are functioning – Botany, Chemistry, Entomology, Pesticide Residue, Plant Pathology and Microbiology, Plant Physiology and Biotechnology, and Tea Technology.
4. UPASI Tea Research Foundation comprises of Tea Research Institute-Valparai, six Advisory Centres, and Tea Experimental Farm-Valparai.

5. Advisory Centres: Six regional advisory centres are functioning at Coonoor and Gudalur in Nilgiris district of Tamil Nadu; Koppa in Karnataka, Meppadi, Munnar and Vandiperiyar in Kerala.

### Organisational structure of TRF



**Genesis, Inception, Formation of the Department and the Hods from Time to Time, as well as the Committees/Commissions, Constituted from Time to Time, Have Been Dealt.**

The Tea Experimental Station was initially set up at Davershola (Gudalur) during pre-independence and was shifted to Valparai by 1966.

During the course of time, in 1964, a substation was instituted at Vandiperiyar, Kerala to cater the requirements of tea planters at Peermedu and Central Travancore region. Later, in order to maintain a systematic knowledge transfer system from the scientists of UPASI and enable to adopt the same by the tea industry, advisory centres were established over the period and the first advisory centre started functioning in Munnar (High Range) during 1968 followed by Coonoor (The Nilgiris) and Meppadi (Wayanad) in 1971, Gudalur (Nilgiri-Wayanad) in 1980 and Durgadbeta (Chikmagalur, Karnataka) in 1987. The Durgadbeta centre was shifted to TRF's own building in 2002 which was more centrally situated in Koppa considering the tea growing regions of Karnataka.

The UPASI found it necessary to form a separate Tea Research Foundation for the better administration of scientific research pertaining to cultivation, production and processing of tea and other allied aspects and thus formed UPASI Tea Research Foundation in 1999.