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Industrial Technology Institute (ITI), successor to the Ceylon Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research (CISIR) is a wholly owned institute of the Government of Sri Lanka. ITI is established in 1955 and functions under the purview of the Ministry of Science, Technology & Research. ITI is a multidisciplinary Research and Development (R&D) institution established with a vision- **to be a centre of excellence in Scientific Industrial Research for national development.** The **mission** of ITI is **to conduct innovative R&D and provide internationally competitive Technical services to accelerate industrial development for the benefit of the people of Sri Lanka.** The Technical Services Division of ITI is equipped with accredited laboratories and is one of the Sri Lanka's premier analytical service centres which lead the nation in chemical, microbiological and mechanical testing. ITI is an authorized analyst for the Central Environmental Authority, Board of Investment, Registrar of Pesticides, Dept of Fisheries, Fertilizer Secretariat, Customs, Ministry of Health, Cosmetic Drug & Device Authority and Tea Board of Sri Lanka for their testing services.

As a premium R&D institution of the country, ITI undertakes technology development and transfer, consultancy, trouble shooting activities and training for food industry, herbal based product industry, material based industries etc. Food Technology Section (FTS) which is the largest section of R&D division, functions as a technical support centre for food industry. The section consists of a multidisciplinary team of research scientists, food engineers and experienced technical staff who engaged in activities ranging from demand driven research programmes to transfer of technology, development of new products and award winning innovations, troubleshooting and problem solving for food industry partners etc. ITI R&D laboratories are well equipped to conduct research and pilot scale testing for commercialization of research outputs. Training programmes are organized to meet various needs of the industry, while sectional research programmes provide opportunities for training and supervision of undergraduate and postgraduate students from national and international universities.

Since, Science, Technology and Innovation are key drivers of knowledge based economical growth of a country, it is important to inculcate research culture from school level. To support this endeavour ITI provides the opportunity for school children to visit their laboratories to observe the R&D environments, train school teachers on science and technology practical approaches and supervise school R&D projects aiming national competitions. Future Science and Technology leaders can be created through schools by providing relevant resources, proper guidance and making self confidence of high school children.

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