

Expression of Interest (EOI) to partner with
Tea Research Association,
Tocklai Tea Research Institute,
Jorhat, Assam for Food Testing Laboratory

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Food safety is a growing national and international concern due to ever increasing awareness on health, hygiene and nutrition. The global food safety concerns are primarily due the detection of undesirable substances in food which have already been declared as non-tariff trade barriers. Food safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) is responsible for protecting and promoting public health through regulation and supervision of food safety. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary to ensure the conformance of the food products, moving in the supply chain from farm to consumers. This is only possible through an effective monitoring system with the help of a well laid out accredited analytical facility equipped with adequate infrastructure of state of the art modern sophisticated and sensitive equipment and skilled analysts.

Tocklai Tea Research Institute of Tea Research Association being the premier body catering to the research need of the tea industry of the region has been pioneer in providing the analytical support to the tea industry through it's NABL accredited laboratory at Tocklai since 2010. TLabs, Tocklai is devoted to continually enhance the level of client satisfaction through most technologically advanced portfolio of services in the industry and expand client base in domestic and global markets. TLabs being a reputable market leader currently ensure sustainability and food safety in tea through accredited analytical support and effective guidance. Now through proposed up-gradation as Food Testing Laboratory, TLabs will fetch a huge market potential as one stop testing service provider to the food industries of North-east India and help their products conform to the national and international quality regulations on food safety.

Tocklai Tea Research Institute of Tea Research Association proposes up-gradation of its current NABL accredited facility at TLabs Tocklai. But for up-gradation and to cater to a wide variety of testing of food items, it needs an additional investment of Rs. 1.60 – Rs 2.50 crores. Tocklai Tea Research Institute, Jorhat, Assam would be interested to partner with leading organisations in furthering the cause of food safety in Assam and hereby seeks expression of interest (EOI) from potential investors to partner in running the Food Laboratory jointly for a period of five years.

Interested parties may write to the Director, Tea Research Association, Tocklai Tea Research Institute, Cinnamara, Jorhat their expression of interest by the 14th April, 2021. Parties may submit their business turnover, two years company balance sheet and their association with

similar testing/ agro/ food based oriented business exposure. The same would be reviewed by the Council of Management of the Association.