

## **INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS**

- Implemented a United Nations Development Programme project on, "Modernisation, Technology Transfer and Capacity Building in Coir Industry", at CCRI from January 2000 to December 2002.
- Implemented a 3 years' Food & Agricultural Organisation (FAO) Project at the Institute for development of Softening, Bleaching, Dyeing and Printing of coir from 1995 to 1998.
- A project proposal entitled, "Developing and Demonstrating Advanced Biological, Spinning and Environmental Technologies for Small Coir Enterprises," has been submitted to the Common Fund for Commodities, The Netherlands, for a period of 36 months at a total budget of US\$ 2,400,685 out of which financing sought from the CFC is US\$ 1,371,727.
- An American Standards for Testing Materials (ASTM) lab has been established at CCRI for catering to the requirements of the coir industry for testing of coir geo textiles as per American Standards. The ASTM has recognized the laboratory by entering it into its Directory of Testing Laboratories.
- A Coir pith testing lab has been established at CCRI for carry out test as per International Standards for facilitating of export or Coir pith consignments.