Rural Technology Action Group (RuTAG), IIT Madras is an initiative of the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India to enable development and dissemination of demand-driven Science & Technology interventions in rural areas by technical institutions. At present, RuTAGs are functioning in six other IITs (Guwahati, Kharagpur, Roorkee, Delhi, Mumbai and Kanpur) to cater to surrounding areas.

Functioning since 2004, RuTAG, IITM facilitates development of rural-centric feasible technical interventions as per identified demand by functioning as a catalyzing mechanism between organizations expressing the need for an intervention and academic/R&D institutions with the required expertise. A dynamic and dedicated team at RuTAG facilitates technology need identification workshops, R&D projects, technology trials and feedback and workshops/contests/internships to engage students and faculty members from engineering, polytechnic and management institutions. Over the past decade, RuTAG, IITM has worked with various stakeholders in order to develop technical solutions for issues raised from rural areas in the sectors of livelihoods, assistive technologies, textiles, health and sanitation and energy.

**List of completed projects**

RuTAG, IITM also works with government agencies, corporates, incubators, alumni and other such sources to support dissemination of its developed technologies through modes of sponsored projects, corporate social responsibility, long-term projects and start-ups.