

INDIAN TOBACCO LEAF

FCV, Chewing & the Full Indian Range

Flue-cured Virginia from Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, plus Burley, Oriental, sun-cured, fire-cured, cigar and chewing tobaccos from across India.

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Indian leaf, sourced at origin

KMP Tobacco

M/s. Keshavlal Mohanlal Patel referred as KMP Tobacco has been a leading name in branded chewing tobacco and raw tobacco in Gujarat since **1966**. Alongside our own brands, we supply raw tobacco leaf and flakes to manufacturers. We now bring Indian flue-cured Virginia to international buyers through a trusted supply partnership, so you can source FCV and the wider Indian range through one contact.

Our FCV supply partner

Our flue-cured Virginia comes from an established Indian leaf exporter based in Andhra Pradesh. They buy directly at the Government's FCV auction platforms in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, and source other grades directly from farmers.

1983	27	~2,000	400,000
Exporting Indian leaf since	Handling centres	Workers in grading and handling	sq ft storage in 20 godowns

Partner export markets include the USA, Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands, France, Switzerland and South Africa.





Curing, processing and export packing in our partner's network.

Why buy through KMP

One contact
FCV, Burley, Oriental, cigar and chewing leaf from one supplier.

Samples first
Grade samples before you commit to a contract.

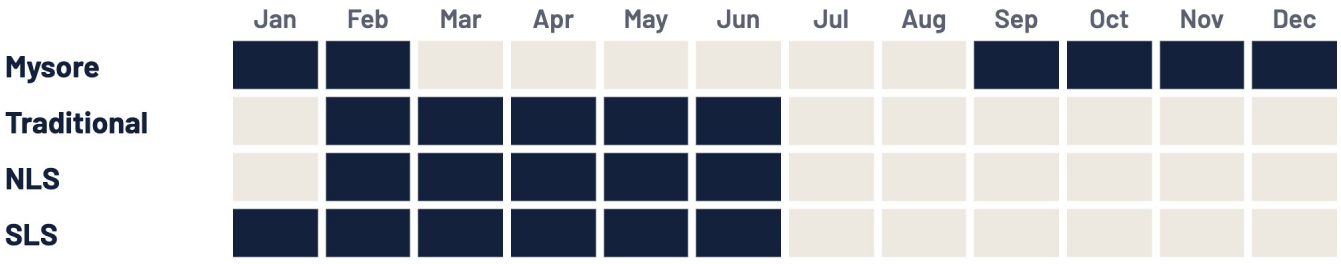
Indian standard grades
FCV supplied to plant-position and colour grades.

Four FCV styles, one source

Indian FCV comes from four main growing regions. Each brings a different character to the blend, from neutral fillers to flavourful leaf.

Style	Region	Colour	Nicotine %	Reducing sugars %	Chloride %	Known for
Mysore	Karnataka	Lemon-orange to orange	1.5–2.5	10–25	0.2–0.6	Low nicotine, high filling value
Traditional	Andhra Pradesh	Lemon	1.5–2.5	8–20	0.5–1.5	Neutral character, blends well
NLS	Andhra Pradesh, Northern Light Soils	Lemon-orange to orange	1.5–2.5	10–18	0.5–1.5	Flavourful, ages well
SLS	Andhra Pradesh, Southern Light Soils	Lemon-orange to orange	1.5–2.5	10–20	0.5–0.9	Good filler, low nicotine

Marketing seasons



Dark cells show the months each style is marketed at auction. New-crop offers follow these windows.

Figures are typical ranges for each style. Exact values vary by grade and crop year, and lot-wise analysis is available on request.

Mysore & Traditional

FCV · MYSORE

Karnataka





Preferred for its low nicotine, high filling capacity and neutral filler character. Blends well with any tobacco.

Planting Early May · **Marketing** September to February

PHYSICAL

Colour	**Lemon-orange to orange**
Leaf size	**Large**
Pore volume	**0.13–0.17 ml/g**
Filling value	**2.9–3.8 cc/g**

CHEMICAL

Nicotine	**1.5–2.5 %**
Reducing sugars	**10–25 %**
Chloride	**0.2–0.6 %**

FCV · TRADITIONAL

Andhra Pradesh





A neutral-character FCV that blends well with any tobacco.

Planting Mid-October to first week of November · **Marketing** February to June

PHYSICAL

Colour	**Lemon**
Leaf size	**Medium to large**
Pore volume	**0.13–0.15 ml/g**
Filling value	**2.6–2.8 cc/g**

CHEMICAL

Nicotine	**1.5–2.5 %**
Reducing sugars	**8–20 %**
Chloride	**0.5–1.5 %**

Northern & Southern Light Soils

FCV · NLS

Andhra Pradesh, Northern Light Soils





Flavourful to semi-flavourful leaf with excellent ageing properties.

Planting Early October · **Marketing** February to June

PHYSICAL

Colour	**Lemon-orange to orange**
Leaf size	**Large**
Pore volume	**0.13–0.15 ml/g**
Filling value	**2.6–3.5 cc/g**

CHEMICAL

Nicotine	**1.5–2.5 %**
Reducing sugars	**10–18 %**
Chloride	**0.5–1.5 %**

FCV · SLS

Andhra Pradesh, Southern Light Soils





A good filler with low nicotine that blends well with any tobacco.

Planting Mid-September to October · **Marketing** January to June

PHYSICAL

Colour	**Lemon-orange to orange**
Leaf size	**Large**
Pore volume	**0.13–0.15 ml/g**
Filling value	**2.6–3.5 cc/g**

CHEMICAL

Nicotine	**1.5–2.5 %**
Reducing sugars	**10–20 %**
Chloride	**0.5–0.9 %**

How Indian FCV is graded

Indian FCV is graded by plant position, quality level and colour. Each grade code combines all three, for example L2O: leaf position, quality 2, orange.

Plant position	Code	Quality levels	Colour codes
Primings · lowest leaves	P	1 to 5	L, O, J
Lugs & Cutters	X	1 to 5	L, O, J
Leaf · mid-stalk	L	1 to 5	L, O, J, plus L5R
Tips · top leaves	T	2 to 5	L, O, J, plus T4R, T5R

Board grades and Agmark equivalents

Board grade	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	F9	F10
Agmark grade	4	LBY	LBY2	Brown	NOG / BX	LG	LMG	MR / GX	MR / GX	BPL

07 · THE WIDER INDIAN RANGE

Beyond FCV

Through our network we also supply India's other leaf styles, from Burley and Oriental to cigar, cheroot and chewing tobaccos.

Style	Cure	Nicotine %	Main uses	Page
CIGARETTE, PIPE & HOOKAH				
Burley, Monsoon	Air-cured	1.2–2.5	Cigarette blending	08
Burley, Traditional	Air-cured	2.0–4.5	Cigarettes, pipe mixtures, chewing plugs, hookah paste	08
Oriental	Sun-cured	0.3–0.5	Cigarette blending	09
Bright air-cured	Air-cured	1.2–2.75	Cigarette blending	09
Sun-cured Country	Sun-cured	1.0–3.25	Cigarette blending, hookah paste	10
Sun-cured Natu	Sun-cured	1.0–3.25	Cigarette blending, hookah paste	10
Kentucky Fire-cured	Fire-cured	2.5–3.75	Pipe mixtures, hookah paste	11
CIGAR & CHEROOT				
Cigar wrapper	Shade-cured	0.6–1.6	Cigar wrapper	12
Cigar filler	Sun-cured, fermented	0.9–4.0	Cigars, hookah paste	12
Lanka	Shade- and pit-cured	2.5–4.5	Cigars, cheroots, snuff	13
Cheroot	Shade-cured, fermented	1.8–3.0	Cheroots, hookah paste	13
CHEWING				
Red & Black Chopadia	Sun-cured		Chewing tobacco · KMP's own	14
Rustica (Calcutti)	Sun-cured	3.5–5.0	Chewing, hookah, tobacco sheet, pipe mixtures	15
Tamil Nadu chewing	Sun-, smoke- or pit-cured	2.5–4.5	Chewing tobacco	15

Nicotine figures are typical ranges for each style. Some styles are grown in small volumes, so availability depends on the crop. Ask us for current offers.

Burley

BURLEY · MONSOON

Air-cured



A tan to brown Burley with very high filling value, used mainly in cigarette blends.

Planting First week of July to second week of August · **Marketing** November to January

PHYSICAL

Colour	**Tan to brown**
Leaf size	**Medium to large**
Pore volume	**0.18–0.28 ml/g**
Filling value	**5.0–6.2 cc/g**

CHEMICAL

Nicotine	**1.20–2.50 %**
Reducing sugars	**0.50–1.20 %**
Chloride	**0.10–0.30 %**

BURLEY · TRADITIONAL

Air-cured





Used in cigarette blends, and also in pipe mixtures, chewing plugs and hookah paste.

Planting October to first week of November · **Marketing** April to June

PHYSICAL

Colour	**Rich tan to brown**
Leaf size	**Large to very large**
Pore volume	**0.12–0.18 ml/g**
Filling value	**3.5–5.0 cc/g**

CHEMICAL

Nicotine	**2.0–4.5 %**
Reducing sugars	**1–2 %**
Chloride	**0.5–2.0 %**

Oriental & Bright Air-cured

ORIENTAL

Sun-cured





Very small, greenish-lemon leaf with very low nicotine, used for cigarette blending.

Planting End of August to first week of October · **Marketing** March

PHYSICAL

Colour	**Greenish lemon**
Leaf size	**Very small**

CHEMICAL

Nicotine	**0.3–0.5 %**
Reducing sugars	**8–16 %**
Chloride	**0.2–0.5 %**

BRIGHT AIR-CURED

Air-cured





A bright, Oriental-type leaf grown on a small scale in selected areas, used mainly in cigarette manufacturing.

Planting September to October · **Marketing** April to May

PHYSICAL

Colour	**Lemon yellow to brown**
Leaf size	**Small to medium**

CHEMICAL

Nicotine	**1.2–2.75 %**
Reducing sugars	**5–11 %**
Chloride	**0.8–1.5 %**

Sun-cured Country & Natu

SUN-CURED COUNTRY

Kurnool & Telangana





Nut-brown leaf used mainly for cigarette blending and hookah paste.

Planting Mid-August to first week of September (monsoon crop) · **Marketing** February to March (monsoon crop), April to June (winter crop)

PHYSICAL

Colour	**Nut-brown**
Leaf size	**Medium to large**
Pore volume	**0.07–0.20 ml/g**
Filling value	**3.8–5.8 cc/g**

CHEMICAL

Nicotine	**1.00–3.25 %**
Reducing sugars	**3.0–9.0 %**
Chloride	**0.5–2.0 %**

SUN-CURED NATU

Kurnool & Telangana





Nut-brown leaf used mainly for cigarette blending and hookah paste.

Planting Mid-August to first week of September (monsoon crop) · **Marketing** February to March (monsoon crop), April to June (winter crop)

PHYSICAL

Colour	**Nut-brown**
Leaf size	**Medium to large**
Pore volume	**0.07–0.20 ml/g**
Filling value	**3.8–5.8 cc/g**

CHEMICAL

Nicotine	**1.00–3.25 %**
Reducing sugars	**3.0–9.0 %**
Chloride	**0.5–2.0 %**

Kentucky Fire-cured

KENTUCKY FIRE-CURED

Fire-cured



A brown to dark brown fire-cured leaf for pipe mixtures and hookah tobacco paste.

Planting End of August to mid-September · **Marketing** Early March

PHYSICAL

Colour	**Brown to dark brown**
Leaf size	**Medium to large**

CHEMICAL

Nicotine	**2.5–3.75 %**
Reducing sugars	**1.0–1.5 %**

Cigar Wrapper & Filler

CIGAR WRAPPER

West Bengal · Shade-cured





Shade-cured leaf that is large and thin-bodied, light brown with a greenish tinge and light veins in the lamina.

Planting Mid-October to first week of November · **Marketing** April to May

CHEMICAL, BY LEAF POSITION

	Bottom	Middle	Top
Nicotine %	**0.6–1.0**	**0.8–1.2**	**1.3–1.6**
Nitrogen %	**3.0–3.3**	**3.3–3.7**	**4.5–4.9**
Starch %	**2.2–2.4**	**5.4–5.6**	**3.4–3.6**

CIGAR FILLER

West Bengal & Tamil Nadu · Sun-cured





Sun-cured, then fermented in bulk for 25–35 days with the bulks remade 6–7 times. Graded by leaf length and blemish. Light to medium body, brown, with mild pungency. Used for cigars and in hookah tobacco paste.

Planting Mid-October to first week of November · **Marketing** June to July

CHEMICAL, BY TYPE

	West Bengal	Tamil Nadu
Nicotine %	**0.9–1.9**	**2.0–4.0**
Nitrogen %	**2.4–3.3**	**2.5–4.5**
Chloride %	**0.3–0.4**	**0.3–0.4**
Starch %	**–**	**3.0–5.3**

Lanka & Cheroot

LANKA

Godavari area, Andhra Pradesh



Shade-cured for two months, pit-cured for 4–5 days, then bulked until the leaf turns brown with a pungent aroma. Used for cigars, cheroots and snuff.

Planting November · **Marketing** June to August

CHEMICAL

Nicotine	**2.5–4.5 %**
Nitrogen	**3–5 %**
Reducing sugars	**1.5–2.0 %**
Chloride	**0.5–0.7 %**

CHEROOT

Tamil Nadu



Stalk-cut plants are wilted overnight, shade-cured, then fermented in bulk for 20–24 days. Brown leaf with good aroma and taste, used for cheroots and hookah tobacco paste.

Planting Mid-November to mid-December · **Marketing** June to August

CHEMICAL

Nicotine	**1.8–3.0 %**
Nitrogen	**2.9–3.2 %**
Reducing sugars	**2–3 %**

Gujarat chewing tobacco

KMP's own speciality since 1966. Both styles are grown in the Gujarat and sun-cured.

RED CHOPADIA

Also called Lal Chopadia or Safna



The primed leaf is sun-cured for 10 to 12 days until the stem dries and the leaf turns yellow. It is then tied into bundles and bulked to develop aroma.

Origin	**Anand area, Gujarat**
Planting	**October to November**
Marketing	**April to August**
Main use	**Chewing tobacco**
Packing	**250 g to 1 kg packs, bales up to 100 kg, 200 kg cartons**

BLACK CHOPADIA

Also called Kala Chopadia



The primed leaf is sun-cured, then fermented in bulk until a brown to dark brown colour develops. Medium to heavy bodied.

Origin	**Anand area, Gujarat**
Planting	**October to November**
Marketing	**April to August**
Main use	**Chewing tobacco**

Also from KMP: graded chewing tobacco flakes and scraps, from mild to strong. Samples on request.

Rustica & Tamil Nadu chewing

RUSTICA

Also called Calcutti · Sun-cured



The primed leaf is sun-cured and then bulked. Medium to heavy bodied, greenish brown to dark brown. Used for chewing tobacco, hookah tobacco, tobacco sheet, kreteks, pipe mixtures and, to some extent, cigarette blending.

Planting October to November · **Marketing** April to June

CHEMICAL

Nicotine	**3.5–5.0 %**
Reducing sugars	**3.0–6.0 %**

TAMIL NADU CHEWING

Tamil Nadu



Stalk-cut plants are wilted overnight, cured by sun, smoke or pit, then fermented in bulk. Large leaf, medium to heavy bodied, brown to dark brown.

Planting Late October to late November · **Marketing** June to August

CHEMICAL, BY CURE

	Sun	Smoke	Pit
Nicotine %	**3.5–4.5**	**2.5–3.5**	**3.5–4.5**
Nitrogen %	**3.0–4.0**	**3.5–4.5**	**2.5–3.5**
Starch %	**3.1–3.5**	**3.0–4.0**	**2.0–3.0**

Working with KMP

1
Send your requirement
Style, grade, quantity and crop year

2
Receive our offer
Specifications, lot details and price

3
Approve samples
Grade samples.

4
Contract and shipment
Loading, shipping and export documents



Need a style or grade not listed?

India grows more leaf styles and grades than one catalogue can show. Send us your requirement and we'll source matching samples through our partner network.

Style & grade
or a sample of your current leaf

Target analysis
nicotine, sugars, chloride

Quantity
per shipment and per year

Crop year
and delivery window

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