

13 farmers awarded for progressive practices

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Vijayawada: BJP state president and Rajahmundry MP Daggubati Purandeswari asked tobacco growers to concentrate on producing quality leaf in order to meet high demand.



She said there is demand in the global market only for fine quality stock and growers should also take advantage of the situation.

The Tobacco Institute of India (TII) presented awards to progressive farmers from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana who demonstrated the benefits of contemporary farming practices, leading to enhanced productivity levels, at an event in Devarapalli on Wednesday.

TII organised its inaugural edition of tobacco scientist awards programme to recognize research and commitment of agricultural scientists working in the field of tobacco farming.

This award would be presented annually to scientists who have made significant contribution towards tobacco crop research and development. TII felicitated 13 farmers in four categories on the occasion.

Addressing the conference, Purandeswari said that growers should follow innovative methods to improve productivity with low costs.

TII director Sharad Tandan said that they instituted the awards in 1999 to honour and encourage cigarette leaf tobacco farming community for its effort in adopting modern and progressive farming practices. He said that such practices would help improve yields. He said that India's tobacco exports reached a record high of more Rs. 12,000 crore during the last financial year.

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