

1ST TII TOBACCO SCIENTIST AWARDS

The Tobacco Institute of India (TII) organized the inaugural edition of the TII Tobacco Scientist Awards alongside its 24th TII Tobacco Farmers' Awards (Andhra Pradesh & Telangana) on 10th July 2024 in Devarapalli in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh. These Awards recognize the innovative research and unwavering commitment of agricultural scientists working in the field of tobacco farming.

The importance of agriculture in India is paramount, serving as the backbone of the nation's economy and providing livelihood to a significant share of the population. Being an important commercial crop in India, tobacco generates huge socio-economic benefits in terms of supporting livelihood of millions, contributing significantly to the Government exchequer and generating sizeable foreign earnings through exports.

Through these new awards, TII celebrates the achievements of scientists who have made remarkable strides in developing new tobacco crop varieties, improving tobacco farming practices and enhancing the crop productivity. By acknowledging their innovative research and dedication, the Institute seeks to inspire further advancements in tobacco research, ensuring sustainability and prosperity of tobacco farmers.

The Institute has been felicitating progressive tobacco farmers since 1999 by establishing the 'TII Tobacco Farmers' Awards' for Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) and air-cured tobacco farmers. Through these Awards, TII encourages the farming community into adopting contemporary farming practices that facilitate improvement in yields, productivity, quality and global competitiveness of the domestic cigarette tobaccos. With enthusiastic participation from State Governments, Parliamentarians, Legislators as well as officials of the Tobacco Board and Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI), these Awards are well-recognised.

The Institute believes that the establishment of the TII Tobacco Scientist Awards would be a significant step forward in recognizing the contribution of scientists and promoting scientific research and tobacco crop development in the country. The award would be presented annually to scientists who have made significant contribution towards Tobacco crop research and crop development. The awards consist of a Trophy and a Certificate of Excellence.

The selection criteria for the awardees include crop and quality improvement, development of crop protection and production technologies, policy research and augmenting farmers' income, transfer of technology and economic prosperity of the tobacco farming community.

TII believes that the contribution of the scientific community needs urgent recognition as their work is vital for the future prosperity of the tobacco farming community in the country.

Through this new initiative, the Institute reaffirms its commitment to fostering scientific excellence and promoting the development of high-quality agricultural practices in the tobacco sector.

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Dr. Y. Subbaiah, Principal Scientist, Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI), is being honoured under the Senior Scientist Category



Dr. C. Nanda, Scientist, Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI), receives TII award under the Young Scientist Category



Dr. J. Poorna Bindhu, Scientist, Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI), receives TII Award under the Young Scientist Category

