

CSIR develops tobacco variety with 40-50% less nicotine

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Working on a project inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) organization has produced a tobacco type with a nicotine level reduced by 40-50% to reduce its health impact. "As a result, the end-user may use tobacco, but the impact on their health will be minimized," said CSIR director general N Kalaiselvi on Monday.

NEW DELHI: Working on a project after PM Narendra Modi's suggestion, an institution of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) has developed a tobacco variety slashing its nicotine content by 40-50% to mitigate its health impact. "As a result, the end-user may use tobacco but it'll minimise its impact on their health," said CSIR director general N Kalaiselvi Monday.



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She shared how once the PM spoke about the possibility of developing such a variety, the Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants laboratory could come out with a new variety to mitigate the health impact of tobacco.

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