

# Tobacco Board to felicitate organic farmers

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Ongole: The Tobacco Board is encouraging the organic farming to reduce the farm expenditure, announced the regional manager of the Southern Black Soil, G Umamaheswara Rao.

The RM said in a statement that following directions from the Tobacco Board executive director Suneetha, they were discouraging the chemicals like fertilizers and pesticides in the farming.

He said that they have selected one farmer from the each auction center (as part of a pilot project) and trained them to cultivate in natural methods, this year. He announced that the results of the organic farming are encouraging so far.

Umamaheswara Rao announced that the Tobacco Board is going to celebrate its foundation day on January 4, and decided to felicitate the farmers in the model project.

He said that Avuluri Koteswara Rao from Podili, Gundala Kondareddy from Kandukur I, Tatikonda Ramanaiah from Kandukur II, Naladala Sudhakara Rao from Kanigiri, Cherukuri Subbarayudu from DC Palli, Gavadakatla Bodaiah from Kanigiri, Gollapudi Srirsarama Murthy from Vellampalli, Vaddella Bharathi from Ongole I, Bandaru Ramanjaneyulu from Ongole II, Pamidi Krishnaiah from Tangutur I, Challa Venkata Reddy from Tangutur II and Nagineni Bhaskar Chowdary from Kondepi auction centers are selected as the model farmers to receive felicitation from the executive director of the Tobacco Board on foundation day.

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