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Alternatives for Tobacco Farmers

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The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) has been implementing **Crop Diversification Programme (CDP)**, a sub-scheme of **Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)**, in **10 tobacco growing states** of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal to encourage farmers to shift to alternative crops/cropping system since 2015-16.

Crop Diversification Programme (CDP) - a sub scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) is being implemented in **Original Green Revolution States to divert the area of paddy crop to alternate crops and in tobacco growing states** to encourage tobacco farmers to shift to alternate crops/cropping system.

ICAR- Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry has recommended alternative cropping system to the States for replacing tobacco.

A total of 111889 acres land has been shifted from tobacco farming during last five years i.e. 2017-18 to 2021-22 to other alternative crops/cropping system

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