



Initiative for Flue-cured Virginia (FCV) Tobacco Farmers

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- **Flue-cured Virginia (FCV) Tobacco** is predominantly cultivated in India, primarily in **Andhra Pradesh** and **Karnataka**, with the current crop season underway.
- The **Michaung cyclone** caused heavy rains in Andhra Pradesh, severely affecting the FCV tobacco crop across several districts.
 - Against this backdrop, the Government of India has approved an **interest-free loan** of Rs 10,000 from the **Grower Welfare Fund** of the **Tobacco Board** for FCV Tobacco growers in Andhra Pradesh.
- **Flue-cured Virginia (FCV) Tobacco:**
 - **FCV tobacco** is an important **commercial crop** grown during kharif as **rainfed crop** predominantly on **red sandy loam soils**.
 - The FCV tobacco cultivated in **Karnataka Light Soils** is known as '**Mysore style tobacco**'.
 - **Curing** prepares **harvested tobacco** for market by **standardising the process** to achieve **desired leaf qualities** and remove moisture.
- **India** grows **ten distinct types** of tobacco in 15 states, including **cigarette** (FCV, burley, Oriental) and **non-cigarette types** (Bidi, chewing, hookah and cigar), making it the **world's second-largest producer** and **exporter** of tobacco.

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