

Tobacco Board of India

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Tobacco Board Takes Action to Support Industry Growth and Stability

About Tobacco Board of India:

- It is a statutory body established on 1st January 1976 by an Act of Parliament **“Tobacco Board Act, 1975** (Act 4 of 1975)”.
 - The Board is headed by a Chairman and is responsible for the development of the tobacco industry.
- **Functions**
 - The primary function of the Board is **export promotion of all varieties of tobacco and its allied products**, its functions extend to production, distribution (for domestic consumption and exports) and regulation of Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco.
 - It ensures the smooth functioning of the farming system and to ensure **fair and remunerative prices for tobacco** farmers and the promotion of exports.
 - Financial assistance is **extended to farmers through banks**, along with the necessary inputs for the production of quality tobacco.
 - The Board also engages in extension and developmental activities to promote sustainable tobacco cultivation practices.

- The Board supports farmers by providing handholding assistance to produce tobacco of requisite quality to meet the standards of importing countries.
- **Headquarters:** Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Commerce and Industry

India's Tobacco Industry

- India is the **2nd largest producer of tobacco** in the world after China.
 - India is the **4th largest producer of FCV tobacco** in the world after China, Brazil and Zimbabwe.
 - India is the **2nd largest exporter of unmanufactured tobacco** (quantity terms) after Brazil.
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Q1: What is Nicotine?

It is a naturally produced alkaloid in the nightshade family of plants and is widely used recreationally as a stimulant and anxiolytic. As a pharmaceutical drug, it is used for smoking cessation to relieve withdrawal symptoms.

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