

Agriculture department's portal wins gold award

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CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu Agriculture Department's portal, AGRISNET, has won a national gold award for e-governance in the Focus Sector category. The focus for the Specific Sector Award for 2010-11 was on agriculture.

Silver and bronze awards

had gone to 'e-Krishi', a Kerala government portal, and the Tea Board's e-auction portal respectively.

Web connection

According to an official release, offices of the Agriculture Department in 30 districts in the State and also 385 block extension centres have been computerised and

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provided with web connection.

Farm-related information is provided through the Agriculture Information

Service Network (AGRISNET) at a cost of Rs.4.37 crore to all these offices and centres.

Using this facility, the farming community could plan cultivation without being affected by natural calamities like flood and drought and augment production. It also makes available relevant market

intelligence.

The award was handed over at a national e-governance meet at Aurangabad on February 10 by the Governor of Maharashtra to P. Rama Mohana Rao, Agricultural Production Commissioner, Tamil Nadu, and P. Murugesu Bhoopathi, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.

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