

# Gujarat bags 'Best Agriculture Award'

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For its innovation and technological advancement in farming, Gujarat has received the 'Best Agriculture Award' instituted by the Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA).

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh presented the award to Gujarat Agriculture Minister RC Faldu, Additional Chief Secretary (Agriculture) Sanjay Prasad and Director of Agriculture Bharat Modi at the 11th Global Agriculture Leadership Summit in New Delhi on Wednesday.

M S Swaminathan was the Chairman of the jury for the awards.

Gujarat has adopted several initiatives for better farming practices. Its efforts such as Krishi Mahotsav, Soil Health Card, water conservation, micro-irrigation, horticulture, post harvest management, dairy and animal husbandry were noteworthy.

The State, according to a statement issued by the government, has been successful in containing the pink-bollworm menace in cotton crop, which is the State's largest kharif crop. Over the past couple of years, Gujarat has taken up initiatives in the areas of satellite imagery and GIM mapping besides drone survey for agriculture.