



National Level Awards For Chhattisgarh

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Chhattisgarh, which has emerged as a **model state in the field of minor forest produce** collection, has been honored with **ten awards in various categories** by the **Government of India**.

Key Points

- These awards were presented to Chhattisgarh by **Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda** during a virtual program organized in New Delhi.
- These national awards have been given by the **Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)** by evaluating the performance of the states **under three categories**. These three categories are:
 - Minimum Support Price;
 - Van Dhan; And
 - Sales & Marketing.
- Chhattisgarh has bagged **first prize for**:
 - **Inclusion of maximum number of forest produce (52)** under the **Minimum Support Price scheme** for minor forest produce in 2020-21.
 - **Procurement of minor forest produce** at the highest price from state government's and Central government's funds (Rs.1173 crores).
 - **Maximum utilization of the funds** sanctioned in 2020-21 (Rs.127.09 Crores).
 - Manufacturing maximum products through **value addition** (121).
 - **Maximum sale of products** after value addition (Rs. 4.24 Crores).
 - Completion of **maximum survey** under **Van Dhan Yojana**.
 - **Maximum training** for forest development center clusters.
- For the manufacturing of **sanitizer from Mahua** and for producing **new products from tamarind**, it has also been awarded under the '**new product and innovation category**'.