Cashew growers unite to form association

It aims to promote farmer-producer firms

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Cashew growers have come together and formed a national-level body to protect their interests. The All-India Cashew Growers' Association came into being on the foundation day of the Directorate of Cashew Research established under the Indian Council for Agricultural Research in Puttur on Tuesday.

The association has been formed to enhance communication among cashew farmers, to have a say at the government level, and to disseminate scientific cashew farming and processing information to farmers. It is also to promote farmer-producer companies in cashew sector and hold cashew melas and fairs.

Nanya Achyuta Moodadattaya, a progressive cashew farmer from Puttur, has been unanimously elected president of the association. Shankaranaryana Bhat Khandige, a progressive cashew farmer from Kasaragod and vice-president of CAMPCO, has been elected vice-president.

Deviprasad Kallaje, a young cashew farmer from Dakshina Kannada, is the secretary. Vilas Anantarao Thakur of Maharashtra is the joint secretary and Subhas Rai Kadamajalu is the treasurer.

Uttupadiguttu Rajesh Nayak, MLA for Bantwal and a farmer, Vasavan of Kerala, Someshwara Rao of Andhra Pradesh, Gurunatha Odugowdar of Gadag, Kashmir Cutino of Dakshina Kannada, Chandrashekhara Udupa of Udupi, Natesh Moodayur from Ishwara Mangala, Dakshina Kannada, and Sukanya from Belthangady are the trustees.