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CASHEW

A Tree Crop Of Choice For Future

Introduction

Cashew, the hardy dry land horticulture crop, plays a very important role for nutritional security, export earnings and employment generation although its initial introduction was confined to

soil conservation, afforestation and waste land development. Increased prioritization of cashew developmental programmes and budgetary allocation resulted in area expansion and increased raw nut production in the country. However, the low productivity,

shortfall in domestic production and drainage of valuable foreign exchange for importing raw nuts are the main issues confronting cashew industry in India. Owing to the increasing demand for cashew products, the expected production of cashew nuts in