

# VST Tillers to set up custom hire service centres

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VST Tillers and Tractors has entered into an agreement with the Karnataka government to set up 92 custom hire service centres (CHSC) in nine districts.

The company is a manufacturer of power tillers and the pioneer in compact tractors in India. It has a range of products that includes rice transplanters and self-propelled reapers for small farmers.

"The company with a budget of ₹40 crore is setting up CHSC in a bid to reach out to the farmers of Karnataka, many of whom cannot af-

ford farm machinery," said BCS Iyengar, director, corporate strategy, VST Tillers and Tractors.

The CHSC scheme is the brainchild of Karnataka Agriculture Minister Krishna Byregowda to help small farmers and to introduce farm mechanisation in the State.

Byregowda said, "Karnataka is giving priority to mechanisation in agriculture as it is the only way to increase production and efficiencies in agriculture. With farm labour becoming scarce, it is imperative to have farm mechanisation for quick returns."

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