

India: Transgenic sugarcane developed

The Sugarcane Breeding Institute has developed transgenic sugarcane incorporating gene constructs, said its Director, Dr N. Vijayan Nair. Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of Sugarcane Breeding Institute-Indian Sugar Industry: National Interactive Workshop, Dr Nair said that it would take several years before the transgenic cane is released and commercialised. There have been several breakthroughs on the technological front. While molecular marker technologies offer more precision to sugarcane breeding, transgenic technology gives a new dimension to the varietal development programmes.

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