

India: Will GM crops “cripple” traditional forms of farming?

In what can be a disturbing trend, agriculture experts observe that after having introduced Bt cotton successfully in the state, MNCs, promoting Genetically Modified (GM) crops, seem to have taken over large tracts of land on the city outskirts to promote their varieties.

“There has been an unusual increase of 50% of corn crop cultivation on the city outskirts and most of them are Monsanto and other MNC varieties. This is a major threat to traditional farming as these companies enter this way by acquainting and encouraging particular types of crop growth for which GM variety is already available and corn happens to be one of them.” said P V Satheesh, national convenor, southern action on genetic engineering.

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