

## Lynas slams Indian official for blocking GM eggplant

NEW DELHI: British environmental activist Mark Lynas, who once “demonised” genetically modified crops and now campaigns for their cause, blames Jairam Ramesh for being “cynical” and “politically opportunist” and setting back India’s progress in biotechnology when he was environment minister.

After years of being a central figure in Greenpeace’s anti-GM campaign, Lynas says he realised that opposition was not based on science. In a similar vein, he argues that in India, it was politics, and not any other consideration, that derailed the commercial adoption of Bt Brinjal — known in the US as eggplant — during Ramesh’s tenure in the ministry.

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