

## Senior agricultural scientist: India should drop GMO testing moratorium

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Biotechnology is the future of agriculture, especially drought-resistant GM crops. Hence, Maharashtra government should lift the moratorium on conducting trials of all genetically modified (GM) crops in the state. Such bans or restrictions in conducting research trials will only push the agriculture sector backwards rather than taking it forward.

These were the observations by CD Mayee, former chairman of the Agriculture Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB). . . .

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The Able-AG executive director Shivendra Bajaj. . . stressed on the need for openness in allowing research and development by the states. “. . . Concerns of the general public and scientists can be addressed only through discussion and not banning trials,” he said.

Two progressive farmers from Yavatmal district, Vijay Niwal and Vasant Kale, also voiced the need for newer technologies. . . “Every technology has some limitations, but that doesn’t mean that it shouldn’t be tried. We want solutions to our problems. Whether they come from home or abroad is immaterial to us. . . .” said Niwal, who is surviving on Bt cotton since 2003.

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