## India's environment minister claims 'natural farming always better' than GMOs

Union Environment Minister Anil Madhav Dave has stuck a note of caution over using genetically modified crops, saying one particular scientific process should not be given preference and asserted that natural farming is "always better".

"We should not stick to one particular scientific process of producing better seeds. . . .

"Funds from this country should not drain out elsewhere in the world. It is the money of farmers and people of country," he said.

Batting for natural farming, he said it does not mean unscientific farming.

- ". . . . Natural farming is always better. Natural farming does not mean unscientific farming. It should be scientific and modern.
- ".... The day we close the door to new experiments, we will die. But soil should not be destroyed," he said when asked whether he thought organic farming to be superior to genetically modified varieties.

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A group of activists recently said they will step up their resistance to approval of GM mustard and demanded fixing liability on crop developers for providing "false" evidence to the country's biotech regulator.

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