

Video: Indian GMO cotton farmer has better yields, uses fewer pesticides, but excluded from public debate

Ganesh Nanobe lives in Nimbhaara, a small nondescript village deep in the heart of India, where he has grown insect resistant Bt cotton since 2002. He farms on 50 acres.

"I never intended to take on farming though farming is part of my heritage," he told Aneela Mirchandani in an [article we carried previously on the Genetic Literacy Project](#).

"The year I started to grow GM cotton is etched in my mind because that is the same year my son was born — 2003. He is now twelve, in the seventh standard at school, and that is how old my GM crop is", he says. "I was the first farmer in my local area to try it out. The first year, I grew it in two acres as an experiment. The next, I expanded that to ten acres. The third year onwards I went up to a hundred percent. Other farmers have looked at my example and now most (you could say all) are growing GM cotton."

In this 9 minute story, Ganesh explains how the better yields and reduction in pesticides have improved his farming, his life, his family and his community.

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