

GMOs, nanotechnology losing ground in India because scientists not engaging public

Most reputed universities abroad have dos and don'ts for researchers on interacting with journalists when their papers are published. But many Indian scientists whose research and/or salaries are paid for with taxpayers' money do not consider it their responsibility to communicate the results of their work either directly or through the media.

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While good science journalists are adept at conveying even complex topics in an accessible manner without compromising on scientific accuracy, in the hands of non-specialists, the information many times gets obscured or is even conveyed patently wrong...

It must be remembered that the media alone is not responsible for hyping up science.

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There is huge price to pay when scientists remain in a cocoon. The most dramatic example of the negative fallout of scientists shirking their responsibility of communicating with the public is the misconceived notions among people about the safety of genetically modified organisms. And climate change best exemplifies the "negative consequences of poor communication between scientists and the public". It is to prevent nanotechnology from going the GM way that a few years back the Royal Society successfully engaged scientists to explain the basics, the advantages and disadvantages of nanotechnology with the public early on...

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