India should give its farmers access to more GMO crops, scientist argues

Amid rising concerns over Genetically Modified (GM) crops in India, leading biologist Nina Fedoroff has suggested that it [is] about time that India gives [its farmers] access [to GM crops].

.... "There is currently a moratorium on the release of GM crops and many in the system are awaiting approval," she said, adding that it [is] time that [the] Indian government complete testing of the many GM crops in the pipeline and release [them] to farmers.

"There is no evidence that the GM crops widely grown today are dangerous when consumed either by people in food or by animals in feed," she further said.

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While many crops have been cleared by research experts, including transgenic mustard, their release in the commercial space has been halted by the government due to opposition from many environmental activists. There are, however, various sections of farmers that have protested the central government's stand on GM crops.

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