

## Viewpoint: Can pseudoscience feed us? — Indian sustainability expert challenges anti-ag biotechnology activists

The internet is swamped with myths, misconceptions, half-truth, and baseless claims propagated by several entities (unqualified individuals in the guise of experts, groups of non-profit organizations sharing common ideologies) with questionable credentials and ostensible motives.

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While the plant science industry is working hard to find innovative and sustainable solutions to feed the world of 9 billion by 2030, the true cost of these kinds of counterproductive propaganda is enormous... However, due to unrealistic, borrowed ideologies and unjustified negative propaganda, several beneficial technological innovations are delayed or do not see the light of the day at all. Genetic engineering and the myths surrounding it is one of the classic examples.

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These entities with vested interests vociferously spread their ideology-based pseudo-science propaganda among unsuspecting public with zero sensitivity towards real issues. Sometimes the real problem is different from what is perceived or propagated by these entities.

They neither offer any sensible and workable solutions to solving the greatest socio-economic (hunger, malnutrition, and poverty) or ecological problems (e.g., depletion of natural resources, soil degradation) nor can they justify their claims with strong scientific evidence.

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