

# CropLife India initiates outreach on chilli thrip management



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Agrochemical industry association CropLife India has initiated an outreach programme in the state of Andhra Pradesh for the management of chilli thrips (*Scirtothrips dorsalis*). It notes that the development was prompted by pest-induced damage to the region's chilli crops during the previous growing season.

The initiative involves undertaking activities such as field training, among others, for “effective transfer” of technical expertise on managing *S dorsalis*. It will also seek to impart awareness on transportation and storage of crop protection products, product labels, responsible application of agrochemical formulations, use of personal protective equipment (PPE), spraying techniques, maintenance of sprayers and nozzles, and triple rinsing of empty pesticide containers.

Furthermore, the exercise will include knowledge-sharing on conducive agricultural practices, and the adoption of technologies such as drones for agrochemical spraying.

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