

PRESS RELEASE

CropLife India elects Ankur Aggarwal as the Chairman of the Board, Anil Kakkar and Mohan Babu as Vice Chairmen during its 44th AGM

New Delhi, 21st October 2024: [CropLife India](#); representing leading domestic and multinational R&D-driven crop science companies, announced the change in leadership in the Board of Directors. **Mr. Ankur Aggarwal, Managing Director of Crystal Crop Protection Ltd.**, has been elected as the **new Chairman** of the Board during the 44th Annual General Meeting, held recently. Mr. Ankur Aggarwal succeeds **Dr. K. C. Ravi**, who served as the Chairman for the past four years.

Mr. Anil Kakkar, Vice President, Sumitomo Chemical India, continues his role as Vice Chairman for the fourth consecutive year. **Mr. Mohan Babu, Chief Operating Officer, Bayer CropScience for India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka**; has been inducted as the second Vice Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Ankur's extensive experience positions him as a pivotal leader in the crop protection industry. He is committed to advancing innovative technologies that empower farmers to enhance productivity sustainably, all while addressing the crucial environmental challenges we face today. His leadership will be essential in shaping a more resilient and responsible agricultural future.

Mr. Ankur Aggarwal, shared, "India is confronted with a pressing challenge: decreasing agricultural landholdings alongside a growing population, which is increasing at about 0.8% annually. This scenario heightens the demand for food production, putting pressure on food systems and necessitating innovative solutions for food security. To address this, the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices, efficient resource management, and responsible use of crop protection solutions will be essential for maximizing productivity on existing farmland. As the Chairman of CropLife India, we remain committed to improving the lives of Indian farmers. We are dedicated to providing them with science-based solutions that ensure effective and sustainable crop protection".

Mr. Durgesh Chandra, Secretary General, CropLife India shared, "It will be our earnest endeavour in collaborating closely with Mr. Ankur Aggarwal and the [Board of Directors](#), to fulfil our responsibility in delivering the latest and safest innovations. Together, we aim to educate farmers on the safe and responsible use of crop protection solutions, ensuring they can effectively protect their crops while prioritizing safety and sustainability".

CropLife members continue to work closely with farmers, scientific community and policy makers to address current as well as future challenges. CropLife member companies have pledged **10 billion Euros** to invest in precision agriculture by 2030 and another **4 billion Euros** in bio pesticides development.

About [CropLife India](#):

[CropLife India](#) is committed to advancing sustainable agriculture and it is an association of 17 R&D driven member companies in crop protection. We jointly represent ~ 70% of the market and are responsible for 95% of the molecules introduced in the country. Our member

companies have annual global R & D spend of 6 billion USD and are firmly committed to engaging with the farming community to enable Safe, Secure Food Supply.

Our member companies were established in India as far back as the 1950s; we continue to work hand-in-hand with the Government to build the agriculture sector – from direct investment of building factories, jobs creation, bringing in agriculture innovation and working endlessly over the years with multi-stakeholders to enhance agriculture productivity.

Our Members



Our Associate Members



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