

National Conference 2025

Viksit Bharat 2047 - One Trillion Contribution by the Agriculture to the Economy: Role of Crop Protection Industry

26th Sep 2025 (Fri): 1100 – 2000 Hrs, Constitution Club of India, New Delhi

With the theme “Viksit Bharat 2047” the conference will spotlight the game-changing role of crop protection industry in driving agricultural productivity, sustainability and global competitiveness. The deliberation by the key stakeholders will focus on science-led innovation, forward-looking policy reforms, rapid technology adoption and sustainable growth models to propel agriculture towards a One Trillion USD contribution to India’s economy.

Registration – 1000 AM onwards

Inaugural Session <i>Distinguished dignitaries and thought leaders will set an inspiring tone for the day and reaffirming a collective commitment to making Indian agriculture a powerhouse for Viksit Bharat 2047.</i>		
1130 – 1135 hrs	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Vice Chairman, CropLife India
1135 – 1145 hrs	CropLife India Initiatives on Transforming Farming Ecosystem	Audio Visual Presentation
1145 – 1155 hrs	Theme Address	Chairman, CropLife India
1155 – 1200 hrs	Model Farms by CropLife India - Unveiling	
1200 – 1220 hrs	Felicitation of the Stalwarts of the Crop Protection Industry by the Chief Guest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shri Rajju Shroff ➤ Shri Salil Singhal ➤ Shri K. K. Unni ➤ Shri Chetan Shantilal Shah ➤ Shri Hari Chand Aggarwal ➤ Shri R G Aggarwal ➤ Shri N K Aggarwal ➤ Shri Deepak Shah ➤ Shri Simon Wiebusch 	
1220 – 1250 hrs	Address by the Chief Guest	Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan* Hon’ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India
1250 – 1300 hrs	Vote of Thanks	Vice Chairman, CropLife India
1300 – 1350 hrs	Lunch Break	

*Invited

1350 – 1400 hrs	Special Session – From Global Disruption to Local Action: India's Readiness in the New Era of Crop Protection Technology	Mr. Siang Hee Tan Executive Director CropLife Asia
<p>Panel Discussion – "The Regulatory Challenges and Opportunities in the Indian Context" <i>The Session with the key regulators, policymakers and industry leaders will deliberate to decode India's regulatory framework. Views, sharp insights, candid debate and actionable ideas to align regulation with innovation for a stronger, globally competitive agriculture sector will be the key focus.</i></p>		
1400-1520 hrs	Welcome Address	Dr. Gyanendra Shukla, Board Director, CropLife India
	Special Address by Session Chair	Shri Muktanand Aggarwal* Joint Secretary – Plant Protection Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India
	Session Moderator	Mr. Rajesh Dhawan Lead - Regulatory Affairs Committee, CropLife India & Head Crop Protection - Regulatory India & Senior Regulatory Expert, CPD India Syngenta India Pvt. Limited
	Panelists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. D. K. Yadav, DDG-Crop Science, ICAR* ➤ Dr. J. P Singh, Plant Protection Advisor, MoA&FW ➤ Dr. Poonam Jasrotia, ADG (PP), ICAR ➤ Dr. Subhash Chand, Secretary CIB&RC ➤ Dr. Vandana Tripathy, Network Coordinator (AINP) & Scheme Incharge (MPRNL), All India Network Project on Pesticide Residues, ICAR
	Summary of the Session	Mr. Manoj Lingeri Co-Lead Regulatory Affairs Committee, CropLife India & Head Regulatory Science, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka Bayer CropScience Ltd
	Vote of Thanks	Mr. Ravi Hegde, Board Director, CropLife India
1520 – 1545	Tea Break	

<p>Panel Discussion - "Empowering Farmers, Navigating Compliances & Global Standards: A State-wise View of the Agri input (Crop Protection & Biostimulants) Industry & Export" – The Session will highlight the complexities of navigating diverse landscapes and also to explore ground realities across the various states—spotlighting how regional policies, compliance challenges and innovation can work together to empower farmers and boost agricultural exports.</p>		
1545 – 1700 hrs	Welcome Address	Mr. Rahul Dhanuka, Board Director, CropLife India
	Session Moderator	Mr. Raju Kapoor Lead – State Affairs Committee, CropLife India Director, Public and Industry Affairs, FMC India Pvt. Ltd. & Mr. Rajvir Rathi Lead – Advocacy & Communications Committee, CropLife India Director-Agricultural Affairs & Policy, Bayer CropScience Ltd.
	Special Address by Session Chair	Dr. P. K. Singh Agriculture Commissioner Government of India
	Panelists	Mr. Volker Klima Counselor, Head of Department – Food & Agriculture Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
		Dr. Pankaj Tripathi Director – Agriculture Government of Uttar Pradesh
		Shri Ashok Kirannali Director - Agriculture, Input & Quality, Government of Maharashtra
Shri Gaurav Sishodia Vice President, Invest India		
Vote of Thanks	Ms. Neetu Kapasi, Board Director, CropLife India	
1700 – 1745	Tea Break	
1745 – 1900 hrs	<p>CEO's Panel</p> <p>"Pesticides in the Spotlight: Villain, Hero or Scapegoat?"</p> <p><i>The Panel will feature top industry leaders in a frank, no-holds-barred debate on the role, perception and future of pesticides in Indian agriculture.</i></p>	
	<p>Session Moderator – Mr Prabhu Chawla</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Sahin Ozkan, MD, Adama India 2. Mr. Simon Weibusch, CEO & MD, Bayer CropScience 3. Mr. Subroto Geed, MD, Corteva Agriscience India 4. Mr. Ankur Aggarwal, MD, Crytal Crop Protection 5. Mr. Susheel Kumar, MD, Syngenta India 	
	Group Photograph	
1900 PM onwards	Dinner & Networking	

* Confirmation Awaited
