

PRESS RELEASE

CropLife India re-elects Mr. Ankur Aggarwal as Chairman and Mr. Mohan Babu as Vice Chairman and elects Dr. Gyanendra Shukla as Second Vice Chairman during its 45th AGM

CropLife India's New Leadership to Champion Innovation and Sustainability in Indian Agriculture

New Delhi, 09th October 2025: [CropLife India](#); the apex body 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 **re-elected** as the **Chairman** of the Board during the 45th Annual General Meeting, held recently.

Mr. Mohan Babu, Chief Operating Officer, Bayer CropScience – India, Bangladesh & Sri Lanka, continues his role as Vice Chairman for the second consecutive year. **Dr. Gyanendra Shukla, Managing Director & CEO, Rallis India Limited**; has been inducted as the second Vice Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Ankur Aggarwal brings with him a deep understanding of the agrochemical industry and a steadfast commitment to advancing science-led, sustainable agriculture. Under his leadership, CropLife India continues to champion innovation-driven solutions that empower farmers to enhance productivity responsibly—while addressing the growing challenges of climate change, resource efficiency, and environmental sustainability.

Reflecting on India's evolving agri landscape, **Mr. Aggarwal** shared "India today stands as the world's fourth-largest producer and second-largest exporter of agrochemicals. CropLife India's member companies collectively contribute more than 70% of the industry's business and represent over 95% of the world's leading molecules and chemistries. Our exports, valued at nearly ₹40,000 crores, underscore India's strategic importance in the global agri-value chain.

Yet, despite this progress, **the country still faces crop losses worth nearly ₹2 lakh crores annually due to pests and diseases**—while our pesticide usage remains among the lowest globally, at just 400 grams per hectare compared to the global average of 8,000 grams. This clearly reflects the efficiency, precision, and responsibility with which Indian farmers operate.

Through continued focus on innovation, stewardship, and integrated pest management, we can significantly reduce crop losses, enhance farmer incomes, and accelerate India's journey toward a \$1 trillion agricultural economy. Our collective efforts are not only about advancing productivity but also about realizing the national vision of an Atmanirbhar and Viksit Bharat—a self-reliant and globally competitive India where agriculture stands as the cornerstone of sustainable growth".

Mr. Durgesh Chandra, Secretary General, CropLife India shared, "We look forward to working closely with Mr. Ankur Aggarwal and the Board of Directors to deliver safe, innovative crop protection technologies. Our focus remains on educating farmers on responsible usage and supporting them in safeguarding their crops sustainably".

CropLife India and its member companies continue to collaborate with farmers, scientists, and policymakers to address emerging agricultural challenges. Collectively, member companies have pledged **€10 billion towards precision agriculture** and an additional **€4 billion for bio-pesticide development by 2030**, reinforcing their commitment to sustainable and resilient farming practices.

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



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