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“CropLife India Maps \$1 Trillion Agri Economy Vision”

“Union Minister, policymakers, academia and industry chart roadmap for crop protection’s role in achieving Viksit Bharat 2047 vision” during the National Conference 2025

New Delhi, 26th September 2025: [CropLife India](#); the association of leading domestic and multinational R&D driven crop science companies; organized a **National Conference** on the occasion of its 45th AGM. The conference witnessed the presence of Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India; senior Government officials, experts, academia and industry leaders.

National Conference 2025 opened with the **Inaugural Session**, setting the vision for *Viksit Bharat 2047*. This was followed by **“The Regulatory Challenges and Opportunities in the Indian Context”**, where regulators, policymakers, and industry leaders decode India’s framework; **Panel Discussion – “Empowering Farmers, Navigating Compliances & Global Standards: A State-wise View of the Agri-input (Crop Protection & Bio-stimulants) Industry & Export”**, highlighting state-level complexities and how policy, compliance, and innovation can empower farmers and boost exports and the **CEO’s Panel – “Pesticides in the Spotlight: Villain, Hero or Scapegoat?”**, featuring a candid debate on the future of crop protection.

During his inaugural address **Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon’ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India**, shared that, “For me, the farmer is the soul of our nation, and serving them is a gift from God. From the days of food scarcity and dependence on imports, India has today become self-reliant and an emerging exporter—with agriculture growing by 10% in recent months. Yet, with our population set to reach 170 crore by 2050, ensuring food and nutritional security is our foremost duty. Nearly half our people depend on farming, most with less than two acres of land, and our policies must reflect this reality. To achieve a \$5 trillion economy, we must increase productivity per hectare, embrace new technologies, and translate research into solutions for farmers’ real problems. Agriculture is not just an industry—it is a national responsibility. Together, the Government, scientists and industry must ensure prosperity for farmers, sustainability for our land, and nourishment for humanity.”

Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Chairperson, PPV&FRA, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare, Government of India said, “It is always a pleasure to be among the leaders of the agrochemical industry. The Green Revolution, though built on borrowed technologies, gave India not just food security but also confidence and self-respect. From 65 million tons of food grains, we now produce nearly 350 million tons, with horticulture surpassing even that. This progress has been possible because of technology, policy, and the critical role of agrochemicals.

Today, the sector is growing at 9–11% CAGR, driving productivity and exports. At the same time, we must address concerns around residues, environment, and health. India must move beyond borrowed technologies and strengthen its own intellectual property, innovations, and policies. The task is clear—balance growth with sustainability through responsible use, stronger regulation, and stewardship. With government support, industry partnership, and

science-led innovation, I am confident Indian agriculture will continue to thrive while protecting farmers, consumers, and the environment."*

Mr. Ankur Aggarwal, Chairman, CropLife India said, "India is today the fourth-largest producer and the second-largest exporter of agrochemicals, with CropLife India members contributing over 70% of the industry's business and providing 95% of the world's molecules and chemistries. Our exports, worth nearly ₹40,000 crores, reflect the strength and global relevance of Indian agriculture. Yet, we continue to lose crops worth ₹2 lakh crores annually to pests and diseases—even though India's pesticide use is just 400 grams per hectare compared to the global average of 8,000 grams. This proves that Indian farmers are efficient, not excessive.

With responsible stewardship, we can cut crop losses, raise farmer incomes, and help India move towards its \$1 trillion agricultural economy goal. Our industry stands committed—to responsible innovation, natural farming support, integrated pest management, and research-driven solutions. With government partnership and sustained investment in science, we can empower farmers, feed our 150 crore people, and make in India for India and the world".

The crop protection industry has significantly contributed to Indian agriculture over the past 78 years and remains dedicated to fostering growth and sustainability. Our commitment to enhancing agricultural practices and supporting farmers is unwavering as we move forward together. CropLife India members are not only committed to bring latest and safer innovations and are equally committed to educate farmers on their safe and responsible use. CropLife and its member companies would like to continue to contribute in creating a science-based, pragmatic and stable regulatory environment.

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.

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