

'Anti-GMO campaign gaining ground in US'

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The United States, which has embraced genetically modified organisms (GMO) to GM foods, with activists taking to technology to spread the word. They have communications through Facebook, and are taking webinars.

The applications promote 'Shop No GMO' campaign, while the Web site non-GMO foods that contained GMOs.

Mr Jeffrey M. Smith, Executive Director of The Institute for Responsible Technology, 'Seeds of Deception' and Genetic Roulette, has said activists have set up Non-GMO United States to spread the word about health risks GM foods brought in. "The up campaign that ultimately forces companies to withdraw GMOs from their products strong in the US. Seventy-five per cent of all milk and yoghurt produced in the US are injected with bovine growth hormone. About 100 dairies have stopped using t

Myths

He alleged that GM companies had built several myths and could make people believe that GMOs are safe, well-tested, improve yields and reduce use of chemicals in agriculture. Several animal studies across the world have proved that they result in health problems in physiology,” he said.

“In the US, we have seen doubling of peanut allergy (an allergy largely reported to be caused by peanuts to schools in their snack boxes) during the first five years (from 1997-2002). Though there was no GM in peanuts, we feel that other GM crops could have caused this,” he said.

Hyderabad declaration

Meanwhile, a group of doctors, nutritionists, agricultural scientists and farmers are in a heated debate on genetic engineering to save “India from the assault on food sovereignty through genetic engineering in food and farming.”

The roundtable, held at the National Institute for Rural Development, criticised the biotechnology related policies being pursued by the Government.

The Hyderabad Declaration asked the Government to make India GM free, to protect the health of the human and the animal, economic loss to farmers and loss of biodiversity.

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