

## Thousands of Farmers in India Rise up Against Monsanto: Biotech Giant Known for Causing Suicides

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Some have said that India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, arrived at the nation's pro-GMO position with the help of generous campaign funding from a GMO lobby, **but that hasn't stopped thousands of Indian [farmers from demonstrating](#) against Monsanto and their biotech cronies in a massive grassroots movement that shuns anti-farmer practices and genetically modified crop farming.**

Shri Rakesh Tikait, National Spokesperson for the Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU) [explains](#):

"The government is exhibiting its pro-industry stance by pushing for **unnneeded, unwanted and unsafe GMOs in our farming**. We want all open air field trials of GM crops stopped immediately in the country since such open air trials pose not only a risk of contamination but also risk of trade rejection. Further, any moves towards trade liberalization in agriculture whether through the WTO route or through free trade agreements are unacceptable to us."

The farmers recently organized and occupied the streets in a Kisan Maha Panchayat (farmer meeting) in Delhi, India, in protest at the Modi government's anti-farmer policies.

Among the demonstrators were hundreds of women recently, as well, who have resolved to stay put on Parliament Street in India's capital until the government engages them in a dialogue to resolve various burning issues, among them:

- GMOs
- Lack of fair and remunerative prices for farm produce
- Demand for a farm income commission
- Removing agriculture from free trade agreements including WTO
- Adequate disaster relief for farmers
- And more important topics that affect farmers in a country known for high

suicide rates and massive GM crop failures.



Indian farmers are among some of the hardest hit by biotech chicanery. They join the ranks of millions of others throughout the world, from Mexico to Russia that don't want GM crops either.

A similar but more intense protest recently took place in Poland as the [nation's largest farmer uprising](#) ever involved convoys of tractors. The protest was pointed at GMO infiltration and land grabs by biotech and Big Ag corporations.

More than 150 farmers [blocked roadways](#) and held numerous demonstrations in order to bring attention to the important issue of food sovereignty in Poland. Their focus is a ban on GMOs and a restoration of small farmer's rights after decades of oppressive health and safety regulations which take rights away from small farms and give them to mono-cropping, poisoning Big Ag mega-companies.

Just like Poland and the rest of the world, **India doesn't want GMOs**. The singular reason GMOs exist in India or anywhere else is because of government corruption and infiltration by corporations like Monsanto, Dow, DuPont, Syngenta, Bayer and BASF.

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