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Seeds for Identity

With local seeds against GMOs

Some examples of No-GMO Campaigns in
Latin America and India

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New pressure ...

- Pressure on development countries to introduce GM
 - national and international agrobusiness
 - US government, foundations etc.
 - multilateral agencies
- Food Crisis: new push (including AGRA)

... and promising resistance

- Many initiatives and campaigns against GMOs
- Importance of local and/or traditional seeds
 - ⇒ on example: Campaña Semillas de Identidad (Seeds for Identity)

Nicaragua



Colombia



Ecuador



Niger



Guinea-Bissao



GMfree Territories achieved

- Broad alliances on local, regional and national level (farmers, indigenous communities, consumers, environmental and development NGOs, networks etc.)
 - Local markets, fairs, conferences, films (including local languages), seed exchange fairs, blogs, demonstrations, legal cases, dialogue with local and national authorities etc.
- ⇒ 1 GMfree Territory in Colombia, 2 GMfree districts in Costa Rica, 1 in Nicaragua

GM Free India Campaign

- more than 50 organisations join to fight GMOs
- Bt-cotton since 2002, farmers suicides, heavy pressure from corporations
- many GM food crops waiting for approval (field trials), including Bt-eggplant
- Hundreds of GMfree villages
- Now focussing on consumers (Including urban middle class)

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- Web Advocacy for consumer awareness and rejection of GM food: *I am no labrat*
 - ⇒ 20'000 petition letters (in only 11 days) to health minister asking for a GMO ban
 - ⇒ Dec 2008: health minister made a clear statement against GMOs (now prime minister addressed)
- documentary by a bollywood film maker
- Networks on regional level (including Pakistan and Nepal)

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YOU DID IT!

Over the last 3 months, thousands of consumers like you had said 'I AM NO LAB RAT' to the health minister Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss urging him to stop the commercialization of Genetically Modified (GM) [BT Brinjal](#). On December 10th 2008, as a testimony to the power of your voice, Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss declared that he is against GM technology.

YOU CAN DO IT AGAIN!

We have won the first round and now it is time to brace for the second! We call upon all of you to petition the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and take this war against GM forward. Let us send a strong message that we will not become lab rats in this grand genetic experiment.

SEND A PETITION TO THE PM

India's Health minister Dr. Anbuma..

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As a Minister from PMK and also as the Union Health Minister, I will continue opposing it.

Can GM help Farmers achieve better yield?

Debate

Updates

Join Others

Watch health minister Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss taking a stand against GM food

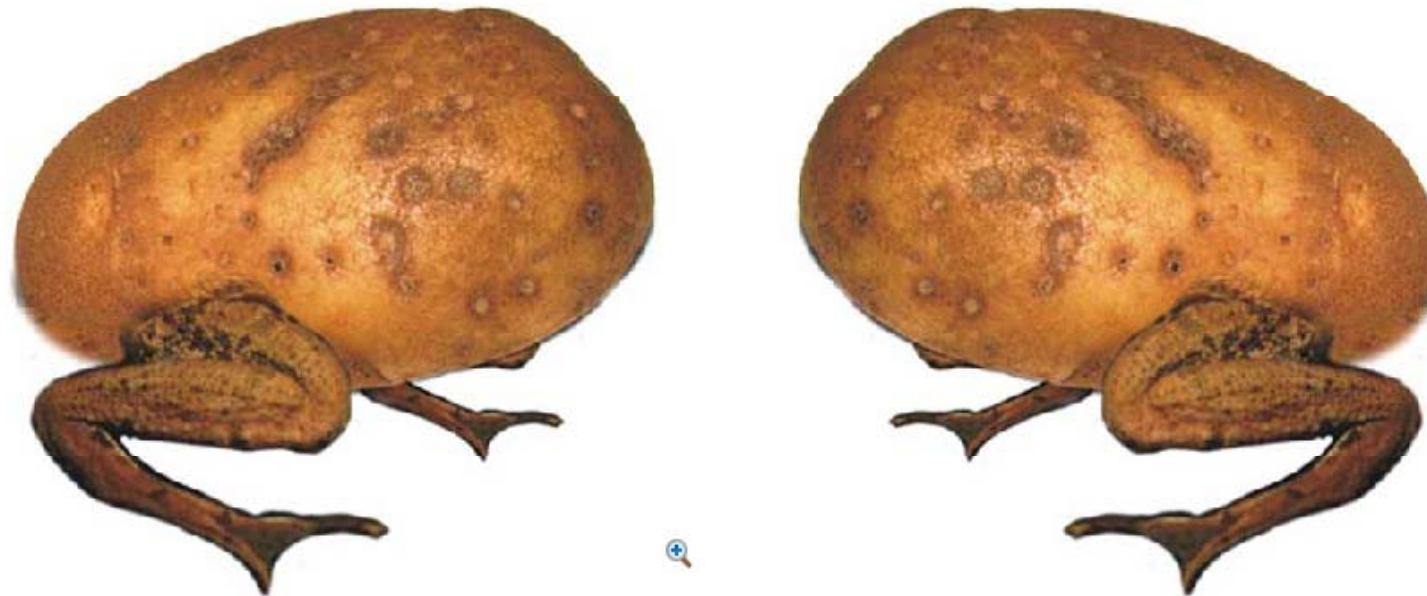
Genetically Modified (GM) food is created by taking genes from organisms like bacteria, viruses, spiders, scorpions or even human beings and forcibly inserting them into the genome of brinjals, potatoes, corn etc. so the vegetables develop certain new traits. Often though, the new foods resulting from these experiments develop characteristics that are unnatural and unpredictable. When GM food was tested on rats, the results were alarming. Evidence linked GM with stunted growth, impaired immune systems, potentially precancerous cell growth in the intestines, enlarged livers, pancreases and intestines, higher blood sugar etc. Latest studies have confirmed that GM affects fertility. Help us stop GM now! [volunteer](#)

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Vegetarian or Non-Vegetarian?

There was a time when food used to be purely vegetarian or non vegetarian, well not any longer. Genetically Modified (GM) food is soon to be launched in India. GM food is created by taking genes of organisms like bacteria, virus, spider, scorpion and forcibly inserting them into the genes of other unrelated organisms like brinjals, potatoes, corn etc. Though the GM food will look like normal food, it won't be the same. To stop this, log on to www.iamnolabrat.com and send a petition to the Health minister and concerned companies.

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What will they test on you next?

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