

Statement from Syngenta

The information published are incorrect and do not correspond to the known facts. The way in which the course of events is presented is based on false statements and is part of a systematically planned campaign against Syngenta. It deliberately ignores the report of the independent Special Investigation Team set up by the Indian state of Maharashtra in 2017. Syngenta was not involved in any civil or criminal proceedings on the ground in connection with the tragic events in Yavatmal. Neither Syngenta nor any Syngenta product was deemed responsible for these events. The original report of the independent Special Investigation Team was [published on the website of Public Eye](#). The report of a renowned expert in the field of toxicology confirms that Syngenta's product and the respective active substance were not implicated in the tragic events in 2017; reinforcing the findings of the independent Special Investigation Team that was established in 2017.

Syngenta operates in more than 100 countries around the world, and always does so in full compliance with the laws and regulations in the respective country. Farming is one of the world's largest and most important sources of employment, and each year farm workers suffer a variety of work-related accidents, including exposure to chemicals. Ensuring that all aspects of farm work are safe is integral to Syngenta's business model. While Syngenta has a target of training 8 million farm workers a year, Syngenta trains as many as possible on safe use of crop protection chemicals and other farm work risks. This is particularly important for smallholders in developing countries. Syngenta increases the reach of the training efforts by working with local partners such as government agencies, NGOs and industry associations, as well as with retailers selling the products (more information can be found [on Syngenta's website](#)).