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For the first time, crops circles have been created in India. Recently, similar crop circles were formed in Ahmedabad and Bangalore by Greenpeace volunteers who came from various corners of the country to generate public awareness against the 'imminent invasion of GM crops in India.'

"Safe food is my right and GM crops are the biggest threat to it" said Pranay Jasodia, Actuarial Science student of Utpal Sanghvi college in Mumbai, who has joined hands with 20 others to make these intricate crop circles.

The design which was 150X180 Feet in size featured a slash over 'GE', as a mark of protest against the government's decision to introduce the controversial Biotechnology Regulatory Authority of India (BRAI) bill, which provides for a single window easy approval mechanism to controversial GM crops.

According to Neha Saigal, sustainable agriculture campaigner at the Greenpeace, India, GM crops were being pushed in India to benefit multinational biotech giants like Monsanto.

"Through the Biotechnology Regulatory Authority of India (BRAI) Bill, which can also be called India's Monsanto Promotion and Protection Bill, the Government is paving a way for the biotech corporations like Monsanto to take control of our food and farming by providing a single window approval mechanism to GM crops." said Neha.

"While Monsanto's influence within the US Government is more than apparent, the same is now being ensured by the Indian government here through the BRAI Bill," added Neha.