

## Syngenta Vegetable Seeds opens State-of-the-Art Seed Health Lab in India

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Syngenta Vegetable Seeds inaugurated a new Seed Health Lab in Indian city of Hyderabad, further strengthening the company's continued investment in quality control capabilities. The state-of-the-art lab is one of the most advanced seed testing facilities in the world and delivers India's first dedicated seed health lab, which will serve growers in India, across the Asia Pacific region and beyond.

Syngenta's Hyderabad site is a center for seed processing, quality control and supply operations. The lab becomes part of Syngenta's global network of vegetable seed Quality Control labs, including centers of excellence in the United States and the Netherlands, which supports Syngenta's mission to deliver the highest quality vegetable seed products to growers around the world.

Built with an investment of \$2.4 million (INR 20 Cr), the 6,500-square-foot modern facility is currently capable of processing 12,000 virus/bacterial tests per year with capacity to expand with future growth. The facility is compliant with seed health test regulations in India and will be aligned with international accreditation programs such as International Seed Health Initiative (ISHI) and Naktuinbouw Authorized Laboratories (NAL). The lab is also seeking export certification and local accreditation with the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL).

"Global seed stewardship and promoting seed health in the global movement of seeds is critical to protecting the integrity of growers' crops and safeguarding global supply chains and global food security," said Erik Postma, Global Head of Quality Management for Syngenta Vegetable Seeds and Flowers. "Detailed care must be taken with every seed that makes it to a grower. Syngenta is offering seed testing services to other seed companies to support international phytosanitary standards."