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Workshop on Experience Sharing and Strategy Building on Genetic Engineering in Food & farming and its legal dimensions

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As part of our work as members of South Against Genetic Engineering (SAGE) we have come together for several joint and strategic actions. Many of them have required SAGE members to understand the legal juggernaut within which GE has and continues to operate in India. Moreover, what are the global influences that shape the regulatory structure which allow for the passage of GE into agriculture, livestock and allied sectors. It has therefore been critical for each of us to apprise ourselves with the latest developments in the sector and also understand the context in which it has begun to operate. The real time dealings with the problems of GE, manner in which approvals are granted and the types of violations that arise need to go hand in hand with a robust understanding of the law and policy structures that govern the practice.

In this context SAGE and NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad are organising a workshop to bring together legal practitioners and issue based experts along with selected GE activists to bring out a number of issues that are connected to genetic engineering in food and farming. The dimensions that legal activism might acquire over the years as a result of the total disinterest [or active collusion] of the state in regulating genetic engineering in agriculture will be the focus of the workshop. While the legal practitioners and experts will share their thoughts and actions directly with each other the workshop will also help other activists to gain insights into these issues.

The major areas of discussion proposed are:

- Conceptual understanding of GM in food and farming
- Impacts of GE and its impacts on fundamental rights assured by Indian constitution
- The regulatory structures : GEAC and the proposed BRAI : what do they mean to the GE scenario in India
- Analysis of some of the GE related cases in front of the Supreme Court of India
- Possibility of legal interventions at the High Court level since agriculture is a state subject
- Food, consumers and related legal possibilities

☒ Associated wider issues such as Seed Bill, PVP Act and Biodiversity Act

Through this two day workshop to be held at NALSAR city campus on 17th and 18th July, we hope that the participants can go with a heightened awareness of the central and wider issues related to GE and its legal ramifications. Later they can also work towards planned legal initiatives and interventions in their respective states.