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Foreword

September was full of exciting development at FSII. FSII is pleased to announce the successful leadership transition. The new leadership team gratefully acknowledges the enormous and committed efforts of the founding and former Board members, since inception, who laid the foundation of FSII's reputation, growth, and recognition as a pioneering industry association for Indian seed sector. With the new team at its helm, FSII is all set to progress and further cement its position as a 'knowledge-driven' federation of research-based seeds companies in India.

Further, FSII jointly organized with IFPRI, a national seminar on Regulations and Governance in Seed Sector in India, addressing vital regulatory and policy issues. Attended by private sector, government, and other industry stakeholders, the seminar covered topics such as promoting innovations, encouraging technology adoption, attracting new investments in R&D, trade and more that are relevant to ensure Indian seed sector remains on a strong footing in the Amrit Kaal.

We are also excited to announce an MoU with APSA (Asia Pacific Seed Alliance) and TNAU (Tamil Nadu Agricultural University), to support research, education, and training for young graduate students. This alliance aims to equip and nurture students into 'industry-ready' professionals with essential technical and

soft skills, fostering innovation, and entrepreneurship.

We are cruising on our path with unwavering dedication to serve our members and advance our industry's interests. We look forward to your valuable inputs and suggestions.

NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM AT FSII

Position	Name	Designation & Organization
Chairman	Mr. Ajai Rana	CEO, Savannah Seeds Pvt Ltd
Vice Chairman – Field Crops	Dr. Rajvir Rathi	Head - Agricultural Policy & Stakeholder Affairs, Bayer Crop Science Limited
Vice Chairman – Veg Crops	Mr. Shirish Barwale	Director, Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds Co Pvt Ltd
Finance Director	Mr. Venkatram Vasantavada	MD & CEO, Seedworks International Pvt Ltd.
Member	Mr. S. Nagarajan	Chief Operating Officer, Rallis India Ltd
Member	Ms. Anuja Kadian	Government Affairs Director for Asia Pacific, Corteva Agriscience
Member	Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh	Territory Head- South Asia (Veg), Syngenta India Private Limited
Member	Mr. Rajendran Ramasami	MD, Rasi Seeds Pvt Ltd
Member	Mr. Senthilnathan Sengottuvelu	Chairman & MD, ACSEN Hyveg Pvt Ltd
Member	Mr. Sameer Sawant	President - Seeds Business, Namdhari Seeds Pvt Ltd
Member	Mr. Atul Sah	Business Head, VNR Seeds Pvt Ltd



INDIA



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