

## Animal-free test systems key for navigating toxicology approach in India

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**Global and domestic industry experts participated in Clariant India's industry conclave on Regulatory Toxicology**



Clariant India, headquartered in Navi Mumbai, recently highlighted the need for ethical, data based and technologically led toxicological testing at its one day industry workshop titled, 'Navigating headwinds in Regulatory Toxicology'. The event was being held in Mumbai with attendance several clinical research organisations (CROs) across industries.

The industry event sought to support Indian CROs in their progress in the fast developing toxicology sector. The major themes that emerged from the discussion were alternative methodologies to animal testing, chemical strategies for sustainability - toxic free environment, and new approach methodologies (NAM) in toxicology in the challenging framework the Indian sector navigates through.

The industry event saw Clariant global experts and various Indian industry leaders like Dr Nitin Shetty of Bionneeds India, Dr Ganiger from Eurofins Advinus and Dr Mohmad Sadik A. Mulla from Vimta Labs among the speaker list.

Speaking on the occasion Dr Fabian Grimm, Head of Toxicology and Ecotoxicology, Global Product Leadership Clariant said, "Today it is not chemical safety alone being a pre-requisite for product compliance, marketability, customer satisfaction but it is safety and sustainability of our products. One of the major challenges is in creating a gradual shift towards animal-free test systems and approaches – collectively known as 'New Approach Methods' or NAMS. Through workshops like this, Clariant as a global leader, engages in multi stakeholder dialogues to actively contribute towards further development and implementation of such alternative approaches."