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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: Press Release pursuant to Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015**

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, please find enclosed a copy of the Press Release being titled as below, which is self-explanatory:

**"BCML and the Lucknow Cantonment Board Launch Landmark Bioplastics Adoption Initiative at Bioyug Green Command 2026"**

The Press Release will also be available on the Company's website [www.chini.com](http://www.chini.com).

Thanking You.

Yours faithfully

**For Balrampur Chini Mills Limited**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **"BCML and the Lucknow Cantonment Board Launch Landmark Bioplastics Adoption Initiative at Bioyug Green Command 2026"**

*Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh Ji emphasise the role of sustainable materials in India's green growth journey.*

**Lucknow, June 5, 2026:** Marking World Environment Day with a significant commitment towards sustainability and responsible consumption, Balrampur Chini Mills Limited (BCML), in collaboration with the Lucknow Cantonment Board, today formally launched the Bioyug Green Command 2026, a first-of-its-kind platform dedicated to advancing India's bioplastics ecosystem.

The initiative was launched in the distinguished presence of Shri Rajnath Singh Ji, Hon'ble Defence Minister of India, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. His participation highlighted the growing national focus on environmentally responsible innovation, indigenous manufacturing, and sustainable alternatives to conventional plastics.

The event marked the formal rollout of a pioneering collaboration between Balrampur Bioyug and the Lucknow Cantonment Board, following the signing of a landmark MoU and BCML's first institutional order for compostable PLA-based products earlier this year. The initiative aims to demonstrate how sustainable materials can reduce plastic waste, encourage responsible consumption, and contribute to India's broader environmental goals.

The programme commenced with a guided exhibition showcasing India's emerging bioplastics value chain, followed by the inaugural ceremony, keynote addresses by dignitaries, and the felicitation of meritorious ITI girl students. The recognition reflected the broader vision of "Building Skills. Transforming Futures – Balrampur Bioyug Bioplastic 3D Printing Project," a women-focused initiative in Lakhimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh, by Balrampur Foundation in collaboration with Balrampur Bioyug and ITI Mohammadi. The initiative aims to equip young women with advanced manufacturing skills through hands-on training in 3D printing using Bioyug PLA, enabling greater access to emerging employment and entrepreneurial opportunities.

The event brought together policymakers, defence representatives, government officials, industry leaders, researchers, institutions and ecosystem partners to deliberate on the future of sustainable materials in India.

**Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Vivek Saraogi, Chairman & Managing Director, Balrampur Chini Mills Limited, said:** *"India stands at a defining moment in its sustainability journey, where economic growth and environmental responsibility must advance hand in hand. The transition from conventional materials to sustainable alternatives is not merely an environmental imperative but an opportunity to build new industries, strengthen domestic manufacturing, and create long-term value for society. Through Bioyug Green Command 2026, we are bringing together government, industry, institutions and communities to accelerate this transition and demonstrate how innovation-led solutions can contribute meaningfully to a cleaner, greener and more self-reliant India."*

**Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Avantika Saraogi, Executive Director, Balrampur Chini Mills Limited, said:** *"The transition to biomaterials is not merely an environmental imperative—it is an economic opportunity. It is about empowering farmers, creating new industries, and strengthening an Atmanirbhar Bharat. The last century belonged to oil and petrochemicals; the next can belong to farmers and fields. The materials of the future will not only be mined from beneath the earth but cultivated above it, through the power of agriculture."*

A key highlight of Bioyug Green Command 2026 was two high-level panel discussions. The first session, "Mandate to Market: Unlocking the Bioplastics Value Chain in Uttar Pradesh," explored policy support, manufacturing capabilities, industry collaboration and market opportunities needed to scale bioplastics adoption. The second session, "From Mess to Mission: Bioplastics for Defence," examined the role of sustainable materials within defence establishments and their potential to contribute to operational efficiency, waste reduction and environmental stewardship.

With participation from over 2,000 stakeholders representing government, industry, academia, defence and civil society, Bioyug Green Command 2026 served as a powerful platform for fostering dialogue, collaboration and action towards building a sustainable and circular future for India.

Reflecting the larger vision behind the initiative, Bioyug Green Command 2026 reinforced the role of sustainable, bio-based materials in advancing India's circular economy ambitions. The initiative is guided by a simple yet powerful idea: "The future of materials is grown, not drilled." By bringing together government, industry, institutions and communities, Bioyug Green Command 2026 aims to accelerate the transition towards a cleaner, more prosperous, self-reliant and bio-based India, while strengthening the country's position in the emerging global bioeconomy.

## ***Speech by Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh Ji at Bioyug Green Command 2026***

Friends, together we have launched a historic initiative for the environment, and the way you are working with the environment in mind is a shining example of our responsibility towards it. In fact, I always say that this is a highly effective step linked to India's future, to generations to come, and—in a sense—to our national security. That is why I am delighted to see this initiative being implemented at the grassroots level with your cooperation. Friends, regarding the changing face of Uttar Pradesh: until about a decade ago, sugarcane crops did not fetch a fair price, and the condition of sugar mills was poor. For a long time, the outlook for agriculture and the bio-economy was bleak. But today, I can say with confidence that under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh has transformed.

Friends, a fair price has been fixed for sugarcane, and significant strides are being made in the bio-economy sector. Uttar Pradesh has moved beyond the era of 'Bahubalis' (strongmen) and is now talking about the 'Bio-era.' This transformation began in Dhavaliya; it can serve as a model for others to emulate. Friends, today the entire world is observing World Environment Day. When we speak of the environment, our focus is usually on planting trees, conserving water, and minimizing plastic use.

All of this is essential—indeed, I consider it absolutely vital. That is why I wish to discuss a topic today that perhaps very few people address or act upon. Friends, have we ever stopped to consider the origins of the products we use? Have we ever reflected on the fact that the damage and loss of life occurring in our world are linked not only to general environmental degradation but also to microplastics infiltrating deep into our soil? Friends, research conducted by scientists has revealed that microplastics—tiny plastic particles—are ubiquitous and have even been found in the blood of infants.

Whenever a newborn's blood is tested, minute plastic particles are detected. This is the price we pay for our modern lifestyle. We drink bottled water and eat from plastic containers; with every breath we take and every step we walk, we are ingesting plastic. Friends, I am not telling a horror story here; these are scientific facts supported by new research emerging daily. Just last year, a report published in a scientific journal stated that approximately 350,000 people worldwide die annually due to microplastics.

Another report indicates that around one million marine mammals die each year due to plastic ingestion. Every year, approximately 25 billion tons of plastic end up in our soil and rivers. We are well aware of the impact this has on our health. Future generations are growing up burdened by disease while we sit by silently and watch. And friends, this is not limited to humans alone. Mountains of plastic have formed in the oceans, and

countless marine creatures and fish are dying after mistaking plastic for food. Species are on the verge of extinction.

Everyone knows that many species are facing extinction. Plastic has permeated our rivers, our land, and our air. Discarded plastic does not simply disappear; it lingers in the soil, rendering the land barren and poisoning the water. We are not compelled to use plastic; our reliance on it is a choice that has become a problem. The Earth is suffering. We do not have the right to simply discard it; plastic is a 'necessary evil.' In this context, the step taken today by Balrampur Chini Mills is highly commendable.

PLA stands for Polylactic Acid. It is a type of bioplastic—meaning it is entirely organic and eventually merges with the soil. Nature digests it; studies show that PLA completely breaks down within just 180 days. This means PLA does not harm the environment. Crucially, it is produced from sugarcane grown in our own fields. We know that tensions in border regions often disrupt supply chains, directly impacting the plastics industry.

We have all witnessed the recent turmoil in the Middle East and the resulting supply chain disruptions. Many plastic companies suffered because they could not source raw materials. However, producing bioplastic from sugarcane will reduce our dependence on foreign nations and gradually make us self-reliant. PLA is one of the most affordable bioplastics globally; upon disposal, it turns into compost rather than waste, thereby enhancing soil fertility. It offers benefits all around—for our farmers, the nation, and the environment. The government is actively promoting its production through its bioplastic industry policy.

Limitless possibilities lie ahead of us. The bioplastic market is expanding continuously; many economists predict its total value will reach \$120 billion by 2075–2090. The same applies to ethanol. Currently, India blends up to 20% ethanol into petrol. Raising this to 35% would further solidify our self-reliance. When the crisis hit West Asia, our country weathered it relatively well because we were already producing that 20% of ethanol domestically. Just imagine the magnitude of the crisis had we been dependent on others for that 20% as well; instead, that 20% proved to be an opportunity for us. This saved our economy from suffering massive losses. In other words, domestic supply, environmental awareness, and our economic security played a significant role in this annual discourse. Over the past few years, the global geopolitical landscape has undergone a complete transformation.

This revealed a harsh reality: supply chains can come under strain very quickly. A geopolitical crisis can rapidly escalate into an economic and industrial crisis. We must diversify our energy sources and enhance our domestic capabilities. We need to build supply chains that can operate based on indigenous capacity; a large nation like India

should never be vulnerable in this regard. By generating resources from our sugarcane, rice, and organic waste, we will strengthen our security framework and succeed in protecting our citizens. Essentially, while fulfilling our environmental obligations, we can become a self-reliant, bio-based economy—a self-reliance that can also safeguard us against the challenges associated with plastics.

Please find below the link to his full speech:

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**About Balrampur Chini Mills Limited (CIN: L15421WB1975PLC030118):**

Balrampur Chini Mills Limited (BCML) is one of the largest integrated sugar companies in India. The allied businesses of the Company comprise distillery operations and cogeneration of power. With ten sugar factories across Uttar Pradesh, BCML boasts an aggregate crushing capacity of 80,000 TCD, distillery operations of 1050 KLPD, and power cogeneration capacity of 175.7 MW (saleable). BCML continues to lead the sector with innovative, eco- friendly solution. We are also in process of setting India's first Poly Lactic Acid (PLA) plant of 80000 TPA capacity.

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