

Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR lays the Foundation Stone for the Indian Agricultural Insect Museum and National Repository at ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru

Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE and Director General (DG), ICAR visited ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru on 20.05.2016 and laid the foundation stone for the Indian Agricultural Insect Museum and National Repository. The museum is being built as per international standards and is expected to house lakhs of insect specimens. The Director, Dr. Abraham Verghese was present, as also were Dr. Abdul Rahman, Deputy Director General (Animal Science) and Dr. N. K. Krishna Kumar, Deputy Director General (Horticulture). The DG visited the present insect museum and briefly reviewed the research activities of the Bureau. An exhibition was arranged in this context wherein he interacted with all the scientists.

During his address he appreciated the activities of the institute and noted that the legacy of biological control inherited from the Project Directorate of Biological Control was being carried forward. He stressed the need for more research on the evolutionary biology, genetics, ecology and behaviour of insects. He was of the opinion that complacency was to be avoided and hard work continued to achieve the stipulated goals.



Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR being received by the Director, ICAR-NBAIR



Visit to the present insect museum



Visit to the exhibition and interaction with scientists



Discussion on the merits of using anthocorid bugs in pest management in progress



Conversing on aspects of utilisation of nano-formulations of pheromones



Observing entomopathogenic nematodes



Listening to the successful management strategy adopted by NBAIR for the management of the papaya mealybug



Admiring the diversity in form and colour of insects



Planting a sapling of *Clerodendrum*



Bhoomi Pooja



Unveiling the plaque



Placement of insect box symbolising the commencement of the insect museum



Felicitation



Address by DG