

Training for differently abled people

ICAR–National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru organized *Introductory biological control awareness programme activities for differently abled persons* at BEL Ashankura Silver Jubilee Trust (BELASJIT), Jalahalli, Bengaluru on 3rd April, 2019. Programme started at 11 am by lighting the lamp followed by Welcome address by Secretary BELASJIT.

Chief Guest Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Director, ICAR–NBAIR, addressed about the contribution of Differently Abled Persons in different areas in the Society with the single pointed undisturbed orientation and amenable to be performed them with the Divine blessing of Specific Abilities. She also appreciated the efforts of the trust and applauded the thoughtfulness of the wards, staff and parents for their keen interest in the field of agriculture and eco-friendly pest management programme.

Dr. N. Bakthavatsalam, Principal Scientist & Head, Division of Germplasm Collection & Utilization, interacted with the wards and explained about biological control.

Dr. A. N. Shelysha, Principal Scientist delivered a power point presentation in the local language on mass production protocols amenable for production by Differently Abled Persons. The presentation was very well received and appreciated.

Dr. Richa Varshney, Scientist & Dr. Y. Lalitha, Ms. Apoorva & Mrs. Jayamma had demonstrated the filling of pots with red soil, vermicompost, FYM. They were also explained about the benefits and method of application of *Trichoderma viridae* for good vigour of the growing plant.

Wards, Staff and Parents were actively participated in sowing tomato and maize seeds and transplanting of treated tomato seedlings. Tulasi seedling and Amruthaballi shoots were also planted in pots by the participants. Trust Members, Parents and Wards expressed their interest, support, encouragement in promotion of Eco-friendly Agricultural Practices. The programme ended with vote of thanks proposed by Dr Y Lalitha, CTO, NBAIR.



Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Director, ICAR–NBAIR address in the programme



Dr AN Shylesha, Principal Scientist lecture on mass production of biocontrol agents

Panorama of demonstrations imparted to the wards, BELASJIT

