## XXVI Annual Group meet of All India Co-ordinated Research project (AICRP) on Biological control of Crop pests held at YSPUHF, Solan

## 16-17 May, 2017

The twenty sixth annual Meeting of the AICRP on Biological Control of Crop Pests was held at Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan, from 16-17 May, 2017. Dr. H.C. Shrama, VC, YSPUHF, Solan; Dr. Chakrabarty, ADG (PP&B), ICAR, New Delhi; Dr. Chandish R Ballal, Director, NBAIR, Bangalore; Dr. K.S.Verma, Director of Research, YSPUHF, Solan, Dr. J.N Sharma, Dean, College of Horticulture; Dr. Anju Khanna, HOD, Department of Entomology of YSPUHF, Solan; Dr. S.N. Puri; Dr. R. J. Rabindra; Dr. B. V. Patil; delegates and invitees from ICAR Institutes, Agricultural Universities and representatives of private commercial production units attended the workshop.

The inaugural session was presided by the Chief Guest, Dr. H. C. Sharma, VC, YSPHUF, Solan, on the forenoon of 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Dr. K.S. Verma welcomed participants and spoke about Biological Control work at YSPUHF. Dr. Chandish R Ballal Director, NBAIR Bangalore and Project Coordinator, presented the salient achievements of the AICRP-BC for the year 2016-17.

Chief Guest Dr. H. C. Sharma, VC gave presidential address. He emphasized on ecology and its role in biological control. Dr. Anju Khanna, HOD, Department of Entomology, YSPUHF, proposed vote of thanks.

NBAIR publications on "Newspaper reports on AICRP-BC activity"; "NBAIR Calendar 2017-18" and technology folders were released along with other publications from different AICRP centres.



Group photo of 26<sup>th</sup> Annual group meeting of AICRP on biological control of crop pests