

Biocontrol training programme for officers of the NEH region

The first batch of the five-day training programme on “Biological control and compatible pest management modules for management of major pests in NEH region with emphasis on FAW” was organised at NBAIR during 19–23 August 2019. Twelve participants employed as subject matter specialists (Plant Protection), Assistant Professors, Jr., Asst., Entomologists, Pathologists and Nematologist from Assam, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura participated in the training. The participants were trained on mass production of various biocontrol agents that have relevance to their region. Special attention was given to them on teaching the management of recent invasive, FAW (*Spodoptera frugiperda*). The trainees were also taken to FAW infested fields in Chikkaballapura for showing the nature damage caused by this pest. The scientists, Drs. M. Sampath Kumar, K. Selvaraj, Richa Varshney, Veeresh Kumar and B. Ramanujam coordinated the training programme.

