

Superannuation of Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Director, ICAR-NBAIR on 30th May 2020

Dr. (Ms.) Chandish R. Ballal, received her B.Sc., M.Sc and M.Phil Degrees from Calicut University and Ph.D from Mysore University. She was a Merit Scholarship holder throughout her education and a University first rank holder for her M.Phil degree. Her first posting as ICAR-Scientist was in the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bangalore in 1985 and later she moved to the Project Director of Biological Control, which is now upgraded to ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources. She was the Head of the Division of Insect Ecology from 2013 to 2016 and from 2016 has occupied the chair as Director, ICAR-NBAIR, Bangalore. She has always laid a lot of emphasis on environment safety and sustainability by focusing her research efforts on conservation of biodiversity and “Biological control” a non-chemical mode of insect pest management. She has standardized continuous and effective production technologies for beneficial insects, which are being widely adopted by commercial units and researchers. She headed the largest live insect repository in Asia, with 127 different insect cultures. The prompt and continuous supply of quality live insect cultures and production protocols developed by her are valuable services to the farming community, bio-control researchers and commercial insectaries. By interacting with farmers and conducting demonstration trials in farmer’s fields, she has handled around 40 research projects and has more than 300 research publications to her credit. She has received international travel grants from DST, IOBC, CSIR, CABI, ICAR, FAO and Beijing Academy of Sciences to present her research papers in international conferences in Greece, China, Srilanka, USA, Nepal, Bangkok, etc. She is an elected fellow of several Professional Societies and is the recipient of Prof. T N Ananthkrishnan Award 2006, DrSithanantam Award 2010-11, Dr B V David Lifetime Achievement Award 2019; the ICAR PanjabraoDeshmuck Outstanding Woman Agricultural Scientist Award 2015, Dr S Pradhan Memorial Award 2018 from IARI and Dr (Ms) PremDureja Endowment Award 2018 from NAAS. After completing 35 years service at ICAR-NBAIR, Dr. (Ms.) Chandish R. Ballal superannuated on 30-05-2020. ICAR-NBAIR family wishes her a warm and happiest retired life.



Farewell arranged by Staff Welfare Association of ICAR-NBAIR by observing social distancing



Dr. A. N. Shylesha, Chairman, Staff Welfare Association of ICAR-NBAIR has given his remarks



Dr. N. Bakthavatsalam, Present Director, ICAR-NBAIR has given his remarks



Shri. Malay Bisht, Administrative Officer, ICAR-NBAIR has given his remarks



Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Director, ICAR-NBAIR has addressed the gathering