

ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources

Hebbal, Bellary Road, Bengaluru

Mahila Kisan Diwas 15-10-2020

Mahila Kisan Diwas was celebrated at ICAR – National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (NBAIR) Bengaluru on 15th October, 2020. Women farmers from the nearby villages were invited to participate in the programme. Mrs. B. R. Lalitha Santharam, who received the Innovative Farmer Award in 2018 from IARI, New Delhi has been consented to be Chief Guest of the function. Other Mahila Kisan included Mrs. Jaya, Mrs. Renuka, Mrs. Anitha (Self Help Group Farmers) from Therubidi, Kanakapura and Mrs G. V. Bharathi, Progressive farmer of Fruit orchard and other women farmers from Bettahalsur, Karanataka. The programme started with the welcoming address and lighting of the lamp. Dr. N. Bakthavatsalam, Director, NBAIR has briefed the importance of Mahila Kisan in Agriculture and laid emphasis on role played by women in all farm activities. The organic methods of pest management in several agricultural and horticultural crops that the Institute is working upon were exhibited and demonstrated by the supporting women staff of the Institute to the farmers. Later, women farmers were felicitated and they shared their experiences and success stories. The experiences were very informative, motivating and challenging ably managing at home and field multitasking the activities. Women Contractual staff involved in farm activities, mass production, supply, field releases were also involved to share their skills cum contribution in the Bio Intensive Pest management of Fall armyworm, *Spodoptera frugiperda*. Entire function was witnessed by the staff of NBAIR and was very successful. Around 80 participants have taken part in this programme. The programme ended with vote of thanks.



Dr. N. Bhaktavatsalam, Director, ICAR-NBAIR



