

Biocontrol Expo 2023 and 31st Foundation Day Celebration by ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru

The Biocontrol Expo 2023 and 31st Foundation Day was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, the Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. Dr. S. N. Sushil, Director, ICAR-NBAIR, hosted the program with the presence of various distinguished figures from ICAR, DAC, and various industries. These dignitaries included Dr. S. C. Dubey, Assistant Director General (PP & BS) at ICAR, New Delhi; Dr. P. K. Singh, Agriculture Commissioner, Government of India, New Delhi; Dr. J. P. Singh, Plant Protection Advisor, Government of India, New Delhi; Dr. Suresha S. V, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru; and Dr. Dnyaneshwar Waghore from the Agricultural Microorganisms Manufacturers and Farmers Association. During the event, the Honorable Minister emphasized the necessity of training both Central and State Government agricultural and horticultural officers in the multiplication of beneficial insects, with the goal of imparting these skills to farmers. She also stressed the significance of biological control agents in natural and organic farming, which can contribute to the production of pesticide-free food. Dr. Suresha S. V, the Vice Chancellor, advocated for the utilization of ICAR-NBAIR's technologies and facilities in the production of beneficial insects across all Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) to benefit farmers. The Minister also presented awards to progressive farmers and distributed agricultural inputs to two hundred farmers under SCSP programme. The Biocontrol Expo-2023 showcased a total of thirty-six stalls, featuring products and technologies from various industries and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs). The Expo drew visitors from four districts in Karnataka: Hadonahalli, Chintamani, Mandya, and Chikkaballapur. It also captured the interest of local residents and students from DPS North and Trio World.























