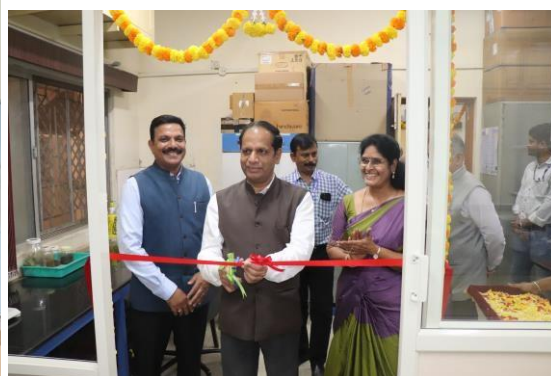


Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR, Dr. Himanshu Pathak inaugurates India's largest live insects repository at ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru

Honorable Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR, Dr Himanshu Pathak visited ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (ICAR-NBAIR) on 19 April 2024. During his visit, he inaugurated newly developed research facilities at ICAR-NBAIR, Hebbal campus. Dr Pathak inaugurated the renovated India's largest 'Live Insects Repository' housing 137 live species/strains of insects and 8 laboratories viz., Helix Lab, Epi-genetics Lab, Uracil Lab, CRISPR Lab, Scarabaeid Molecular Lab, Insect Bacteriology lab, *Phera sense* Nanotech Lab and Chemical Synthesis lab. "An overview of ICAR-NBAIR's activities and achievements" presented by Dr. S. N. Sushil, Director, ICAR-NBAIR was appreciated by the DG, ICAR. During the programme, Dr. Pathak, DG, ICAR released databases on "Terebrantian thrips of India" and "National Insect Museum (ICAR-NBAIR) Type QR Codes" and a technical bulletin titled "Predominant white grub species of India-Diagnostics and QR codes. He inaugurated the website of 2nd International Conference on Biological Control (2icbc2025) to be held at Bengaluru during February 12-15, 2025. During DG's interaction with the staff of ICAR-NBAIR, he appraised and briefed the various initiatives and directives of ICAR. The meeting was also attended by Directors of ICAR institutes and In-charge of regional stations based at Bengaluru. Dr. Kolla Sreedevi, ICAR National Fellow and I/c PME, ICAR-NBAIR presented vote of thanks and thanked profusely Dr. Himanshu Pathak, DG, ICAR for his visit and inspirational guidance, support, suggestions and directions.



Inuaguration of renovated India's largest Live Insect Repository by Honourable DG, ICAR, Dr. Himanshu Pathak



Inauguration of renovated laboratories



Visit to the Laboratories and National Insect Museum





Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR interacting with the staff of ICAR-NBAIR