

ICAR-NBAIR Celebrated 32nd Foundation Day & Biocontrol Expo 2024 at Bengaluru

ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru, the nodal agency for biological control research at the National level, organized Biocontrol Expo- 2024, second year in continuous and celebrated its 32nd Foundation Day on October 19, 2024 at ICAR-NBAIR, Yelahanka campus, Attur Layout, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru. Dr Ashok Dalwai, IAS, Former Chief Executive officer, National Rainfed Area Authority, GOI graced the function as Chief Guest. Dr. S. N. Sushil, Director, ICAR-NBAIR convened the programme in the gracious presence of dignitaries from ASRB, MoA&FW and industry partners including, Dr Major Singh, Member, Agricultural Scientist Recruitment Board (ASRB), New Delhi, Dr. Archana Sinha, Secretary, CIB & RC, GOI, Dr. Dnyaneshwar Waghchoure, President, AMMA association and Dr. K. Subaharan, Organizing Secretary & Head, Germplasm Conservation and Utilization (GCU), ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru.

The chief guest and the guest of honours inaugurated the Biocontrol Expo 2024. Director of the institute, Dr. S. N. Sushil presented achievements and cutting edge research of ICAR-NBAIR. Dr Ashok Dalwai in his chief guest address emphasised the importance of climate change research and development of climate resilient biocontrol agents for farmers need. Dr Major Singh in his remark stressed about the intensive research on virus-vector relationship and lauded the work of ICAR-NBAIR. Dr Archana Sinha in her remarks, she spoke about the simplified guidelines for the registration of biopesticides at National level. She also highlighted the concept of crop grouping to make pesticides more effective in wider range of crops. The chief guest and the guest of honours felicitated the progressive farmers and distributed agricultural inputs. The Expo recorded a footfall of 300 farmers, with over 35 stalls showcasing their products and technologies. Besides, 250 school students participated in the Biocontrol Expo-2024. On this auspicious occasion, *Ek Ped Ma ke Naam* campaign drive was undertaken. Finally, Dr. K. Subaharan, Organizing Secretary & Head, GCU conveyed his vote of thanks to all dignitaries, farmers and staffs.











