

Inauguration of butterfly garden, biopesticide production unit and foundation stone laying ceremony for laboratories at ICAR-NBAIR

A Butterfly Garden was inaugurated at ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (ICAR-NBAIR) Yelahanka campus on November 19, 2024 by T. R. Sharma, Deputy Director General (Crop Science), ICAR, New Delhi. The event was held in presence of Dr. Poonam Jasrotia, Assistant Director General (Plant Protection and Biosafety), ICAR, and Dr. S. N. Sushil, Director, ICAR-NBAIR.

Dr. T. R. Sharma lauded the efforts of ICAR- NBAIR in biodiversity conservation and emphasized the pivotal role of pollinators in agriculture. He noted that butterflies are not only indicators of a healthy environment but also vital contributors to pollination, which directly impacts crop productivity and ecosystem health. He informed that Butterfly Garden meets the recreation and educational requirements that aligns with ICAR's commitment to integrating science and nature. Dr. Poonam Jasrotia in her comments stressed the need to protect the pollinators amidst growing environmental challenges. In his remarks Dr. S. N. Sushil, Director, ICAR-NBAIR, informed that the facility created would serve as a dynamic platform to decipher the pollinator biology, behaviour, and ecology. It will also function as an outreach tool to educate students, farmers, and the community on the importance of conserving pollinators and their habitats. The garden an array of host plants that provide a supportive environment for feeding and survival of butterfly species. This initiative underscores ICAR-NBAIR's commitment to addressing the challenges posed by declining pollinator populations. Dr. T. R. Sharma, DDG (CS) ICAR, New Delhi inaugurated Bio-agent Production Unit at NBAIR Hebbal campus and laid foundation stone for vertical extension of laboratories at ICAR-NBAIR Yelahanka campus.



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