

ICAR-NBAIR Bangalore celebrated Kisan Diwas

ICAR-NBAIR, Bangalore, celebrated Kisan Diwas (Farmer's Day) on December 23, 2024, with great enthusiasm. The event was attended by 100 farmers, with 50 each from Kolar and Hassan Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs). The Chief Guest, Shri N.S. Govindaraju, IAS, Controller, HSFC, ISRO Bengaluru, inaugurated the event. In his address, he emphasized the importance of Farmers' Day and highlighted the role of bio-control technologies in managing insect pests and diseases effectively and sustainably. Dr. T. Venkatesan, In-charge Director, ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru, presented an overview of the institute's significant achievements in the biological control of insect pests. During the technical session, Dr. Kesavan Subaharan, HOD, DGCU, Dr. Sunil Joshi, HOD, DGCC and other scientists of the bureau educated farmers on the use of bio-control agents, slow-release pheromone formulations, and bio-pesticides for eco-friendly pest management. As part of the SCSP plan, the Chief Guest distributed bio-control agents, pheromone traps with lures, and other essential inputs, along with battery-operated sprayers, to 100 farmers from Kolar and Hassan. Additionally, Dr. B.S. Gotyal, Senior Scientist, conducted a workshop on the theme "Swachh Bharat: Bio-control Agents," where he highlighted the importance of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan initiated by the Government of India. He elaborated on how maintaining cleanliness and using bio-control agents align with sustainable agricultural practices. This celebration of Kisan Diwas was a successful platform to bring together farmers and scientists, fostering awareness and collaboration for sustainable and eco-friendly pest management solutions.















