

ICAR -NBAIR organized training program on Biological Control of Insect Pests

A training programme on “Biological Control of Insect Pests” was organized on 25 September 2025 at Hadripura village, Doddabelahongala hobli, under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) by the ICAR–National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (NBAIR), Bengaluru, and Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Karnataka.

The program was chaired by Shri Dhiraj Muniraj, MLA, Doddaballapura. Other dignitaries include Dr. S.N. Sushil, Director, ICAR–NBAIR, Bengaluru; Dr. Deepaja, Joint Director, RKVY Project; Dr. K. Subaharan, Head, DGPU ICAR-NBAIR; Mrs. Gayatri, DDA, Bengaluru Rural; Dr. Raghavendra, ADA, Doddaballapura; and Mr. Satish, President, Gram Panchayat. The meeting was attended by over 300 farmers.

In his address, Shri Dhiraj Muniraj urged farmers to adopt biological control methods to reduce dependence on chemical pesticides in pest management. He emphasized the need to take the technologies developed from Lab to land so that farmers could benefit from the biocontrol and its compatible technologies for pest management. In his opening remarks Dr. S.N. Sushil, Director, ICAR - NBAIR emphasized the need to safeguard crops through biological control interventions, highlighting their role in promoting human health and minimizing environmental hazards associated with indiscriminate use of pesticides. Dr. Deepaja elaborated on the advantages of biological control in sustainable crop protection and safe food production, stressing the importance of ensuring timely availability of biocontrol inputs to farmers for wider adoption.

This was followed by technical session on use of biocontrol technologies for pest management. The scientists from ICAR – NBAIR, Dr.P.Sreerama Kumar, Dr.Kandan, Dr. Jagadeesh Patil, Dr. Gundappa, Dr.Richa Varshney, Dr. Manjunath C., Dr. Prabhulinga T., and Dr.Manjunath,.B.S. made presentations and participated in the farmers scientist interaction. In addition the bio control inputs distributed to farmers to popularize NBAIR-developed technologies.





