

# Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2025

**Celebrated at ICAR–National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (ICAR-NBAIR), Bengaluru on 15.11.2025**

ICAR–National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (ICAR-NBAIR), Bengaluru, organised the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2025 on the concluding day of the Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada 2025 (JGVP), commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the great freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsa Munda, on 15 November 2025 at the ICAR-NBAIR Hebbal campus, Bengaluru.

On this important occasion, 50 tribal farmers from Tipturu village, Tumkur district of Karnataka, along with scientists, technical staff, and administrative staff of the Bureau participated in the event.

The celebration began with a welcome address by **Dr. Prahbulinga T**, Scientist (SS), who introduced the purpose of the Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Pakhwada 2025 (JGVP) programme and welcomed the Chief Guest **Dr. S. N. Sushil**, Director, ICAR-NBAIR; **Dr. K. Subaharan**, Principal Scientist and Head, Division of Germplasm Conservation and Utilisation; **Dr. Kolla Sreedevi**, Principal Scientist & PME In-charge; **Dr. G. Mahendiran**, Senior Scientist & Nodal Officer, JGVP 2025; and all the farmers and staff of ICAR-NBAIR.

**Dr. S. N. Sushil**, Director, ICAR-NBAIR and Chief Guest of the celebration, addressed the gathering and explained the origin of the JGVP 2025 programme and the role of tribal farmers in achieving *Viksit Bharat* through sustainable agricultural practices. He stressed the importance of biological control agents in organic and natural farming for achieving residue-free agricultural produce, and urged the preservation of tribal cultural heritage as a foundation for socio-economic progress.

**Dr. K. Subaharan** addressed the farmers and briefed them on the organisation's role in nation-building through the adoption of advanced technologies for pest and disease management.

**Dr. Kolla Sreedevi** emphasised the adoption of environmentally friendly approaches in organic and natural farming, which significantly improve crop production and productivity without harming the environment.

During the **farmer–scientist interaction session**, Dr. Manjunatha C, Dr. Prahbulinga T, and Dr. Rajgopal N N, along with other scientists, addressed issues related to pest and disease problems in coconut, arecanut, and other horticultural and vegetable crops.

On this occasion, the Chief Guest **Dr. S. N. Sushil** distributed bio-control inputs to all the participating farmers.

Finally, **Dr. Rajgopal** proposed the vote of thanks to all the farmers and staff of ICAR-NBAIR for their enthusiastic participation in the Pakhwada.







