

ICAR–NBAIR, Bengaluru Hosts Live Streaming of ‘Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)’ and Distributes Biocontrol Inputs under the Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (DAPSC & ST).

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ICAR–NBAIR, Bengaluru organized the live webcast of the ‘Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)’ programme addressed by the Honourable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi Ji, for the benefit of farmers particularly Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs) on June 20, 2026, at ICAR-NBAIR, Hebbal campus. The event was graced by **Sushri Shobha Karandlaje**, Hon’ble Union Minister of State for the Ministry of Labour and Employment, as well as the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) as the Chief Guest. In the presence of Dr. T. Venkatesan, Director, ICAR–NBAIR. In his opening remarks Dr. T. Venkatesan briefed the dignitaries and participants about the various activities of ICAR-NBAIR and emphasised the role of the institute in supporting farmers by the development of various biological control technologies for the successful pest management and thereby reducing the pesticide load on the crop.

Chief Guest **Sushri Shobha Karandlaje** in her address highlighted the importance of PM-KISAN flagship programme, wherein Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji released the 23rd instalment of ₹18,880 crore directly to the bank accounts of more than 9.44 crore eligible farmers via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) from Tarakeswar in Hooghly district, West Bengal. She stated the Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji is keen to improve the prosperity of farmers in our country. In her address, she emphasised the need to identify the friendly insects as well as pests, which harm agricultural crops and urged farmers to actively engage in organic and traditional farming methods to maintain soil health, reduce pesticide load on crops and to improve ecological balance. She also encouraged the farmers to visit ICAR–NBAIR regularly, a premiere institute, for pest management through the use of biocontrol agents and bio-rational technologies.

The virtual event marking the release of the 23rd instalment of the PM-KISAN Scheme by the Prime Minister was witnessed by 400 people including 150 farmers, besides students and researchers. As part of the programme, biocontrol inputs were distributed to farmers from Davangere and Chitradurga Districts of Karnataka under the under the Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (DAPSC & ST).









