Inauguration of 3 days ANRF sponsored workshop on "Taxonomy and identification of fruit flies (Diptera: Tephritidae)" organised by ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru

ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru, November 11, 2026

As a part of the Scientific Social Responsibilities (SSR) activities of the ANRF (Anusandhan National Research Foundation, Government of India, New Delhi) project on Faunistic studies on Bamboo-shoot fruit flies (Diptera: Tephritidae) of Western Ghats and Northeast india" led by Dr. David, K.J., Principal Scientist ICAR-NBAIR, three days' ANRF sponsored workshop on "Taxonomy and identification of fruit flies" was inaugurated on 11th November 2026 at ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru. Dr. C.A. Viraktamath, Retired Professor, UAS Bengaluru and eminent insect taxonomist served as the Chief Guest of the function. The inaugural progamme started with Vande Mataram, followed by ICAR song. Course Cordinator Dr. Gandhi Gracy welcomed the dignitaries and the participants. Dr. Sunil Joshi, Head, Division of Germplasm Collection and Characterisation gave the official welcome address wherein he highlighted the precise identification of insect species is the key to all further studies. Dr. David, K. J., Course Director of the workshop gave a brief overview of the workshop. It was followed by the self-introduction of all the participants and the staff of ICAR-NBAIR, who attended the function. 25 participants from 10 states of India registered for the workshop from Kashmir to Kerala. The training manual for the workshop was released by the dignitaries and Course Directors. Dr. T. Venkatesan, Director, ICAR-NBAIR officially inaugurated the workshop while addressing the gathering and welcomed all the participants. He emphasised the economic significance of fruit flies as they are concealed feeders and are quarantine pests of concern. It was followed by the address of the Chief Guest, Dr. C. A. Viraktamath who gave a brief outline of the history of fruit fly work in India and shared his invaluable experiences, challenges in the diagnosis and management of fruit flies. He emphasised the establishing linkages with taxonomists working across the world is quintessential so as to take up meaningful research work and also opined that it's ideal to integrate all sources of evidences in determining the identity of the species, wherever possible. Dr. S. Salini, one of the course coordinators of the workshop proposed the formal vote of thanks. The inauguration function was concluded with group photo of the participants, dignitaries, course coordinators and staff of NBAIR.


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