

**XXVII Annual Group meet of All India Co-ordinated Research
project (AICRP) on Biological control of Crop pests at Kerala
Agricultural University, Thrissur**

17-18 May, 2018

The twenty-seventh annual Meeting of the AICRP on Biological Control of Crop Pests was held at Kerala Agricultural University from 17-18 May 2018. **Dr. R. Chandra Babu**, Vice Chancellor, KAU, Thrissur; **Dr. A. K. Singh**, DDG (Horticultural and Crop Sciences), ICAR, New Delhi, **Dr. P.K. Chakrabarty**, ADG (PP&B), ICAR, New Delhi; **Dr. Chandish R Ballal**, Director, NBAIR, Bangalore; **Dr. P. Indira Devi**, Director of Research, KAU, Thrissur; **Dr. A. N. Mukhopadhyay**, former VC, AAU, Jorhat; **Dr. R. J. Rabindra**, former Director, NBAIR, Bangalore; delegates and invitees from ICAR Institutes, Agricultural Universities and representatives of private commercial production units attended the workshop.

The workshop was inaugurated by **Dr. R. Chandra Babu**, honorable Vice Chancellor, KAU, Thrissur, and by **Dr. A. K. Singh**, DDG (Horticultural and Crop Sciences), ICAR, New Delhi. **Dr. P. Indira Devi**, Director of Research, KAU, Thrissur, welcomed the delegates and gave brief account the work carried out on biological control at KAU, Thrissur. **Dr. R. Chandra Babu** delivered key note address. He was of opinion that large-scale trials should be laid out besides some basic work to unearth the mechanism of functional role. **Dr. A. K. Singh** emphasized that more centers should be involved to work on biological control of plant diseases. **Dr. P. K. Chakrabarty** in his address emphasized to cover more cropping area under biocontrol by demonstrating biocontrol technologies to large scale and by coordination between SAUs and ICAR. He also emphasized the role of quality biocontrol agents in pest suppression and importance of registration of quality biopesticides. **Dr. Chandish R. Ballal**, Director, NBAIR Bengaluru and Project Coordinator, presented the salient achievements of the AICRP-BC for the year 2017-18. Publications of NBAIR, KAU, ANGRAU, AAU-A, UAS-R and AAU-J were released by the chief guest and other dignitaries.

There were delegates from all 28 centres of AICRP-BC, private industries, Department of Agriculture, Kerala, faculty and students of KAU, etc. Dr. Madhu Subramanian, Professor Entomology, KAU, Thrissur proposed vote of thanks.



Inauguration of 27th Annual Group meet of All India Co-ordinated Research project (AICRP) on Biological control of Crop pests at Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur



Keynote address by Dr. R. Chandra Babu, honorable Vice Chancellor, KAU, Thrissur



Address by Dr. A. K. Singh, DDG (Horticultural and Crop Sciences), ICAR, New Delhi



Dr. P.K. Chakrabarty, ADG (PP&B), ICAR, New Delhi addressing and giving remarks about AICRP-BC



Release of publications by **Dr. R. Chandra Babu**, honorable Vice Chancellor, KAU, Thrissur, **Dr. A. K. Singh**, DDG (Horticultural and Crop Sciences), ICAR, New Delhi; **Dr. P. K. Chakrabarty** ADG (PP&B), ICAR, New Delhi; **Dr. Chandish R Ballal**, director, NBAIR, Bangalore; **Dr. P. Indira Devi**, Director of Research, KAU, Thrissur, and **Dr. Madhu Subramanian**, Professor Entomology, KAU, Thrissur