

## **Deputy Director General (Crop Science) Dr. Jeet Singh Sandhu visits ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru, inaugurates India's first 'Molecular Database on Indian Insects'**

Dr. Jeet Singh Sandhu, DDG (Crop Science) visited the National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru on 19.11.2015. He showed keen interest in the activities of institute by visiting the laboratories and interacting with the scientists. He was also impressed with the insectarium and museum collections of ICAR-NBAIR. He was accompanied by Dr. Abraham Verghese, Director, NBAIR. He also inaugurated India's first 'Molecular Database on Indian Insects' (MODII). The database hosts the available genetic information of agriculturally important insects. The database can be freely accessed at [www.cib.res.in](http://www.cib.res.in).

He later visited the research farm of NBAIR situated at Yelahanka and appreciated research work on pollinators and their diversity. While addressing scientists he stressed that apart from basic research scientists should also work to solve farmer's problems and come out with solutions for problematic pests and diseases.



Dr. Jeet Singh Sandhu, DDG (CS) being welcomed by Dr. Abraham Verghese, Director, ICAR-NBAIR



DDG (CS) observing the insectarium collection of ICAR-NBAIR, Director, NBAIR (Left) explains the collections.





Dr. Ankita Gupta showcases new collections

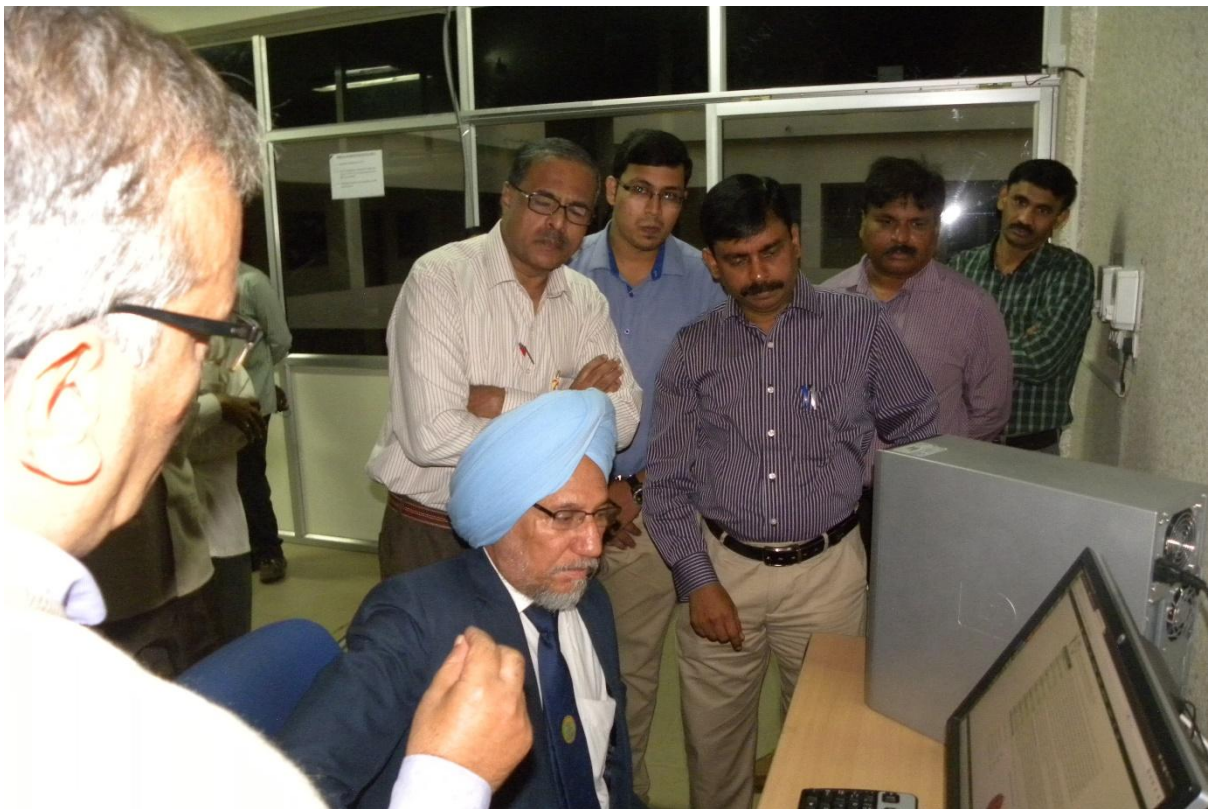


Insect museum was main attraction





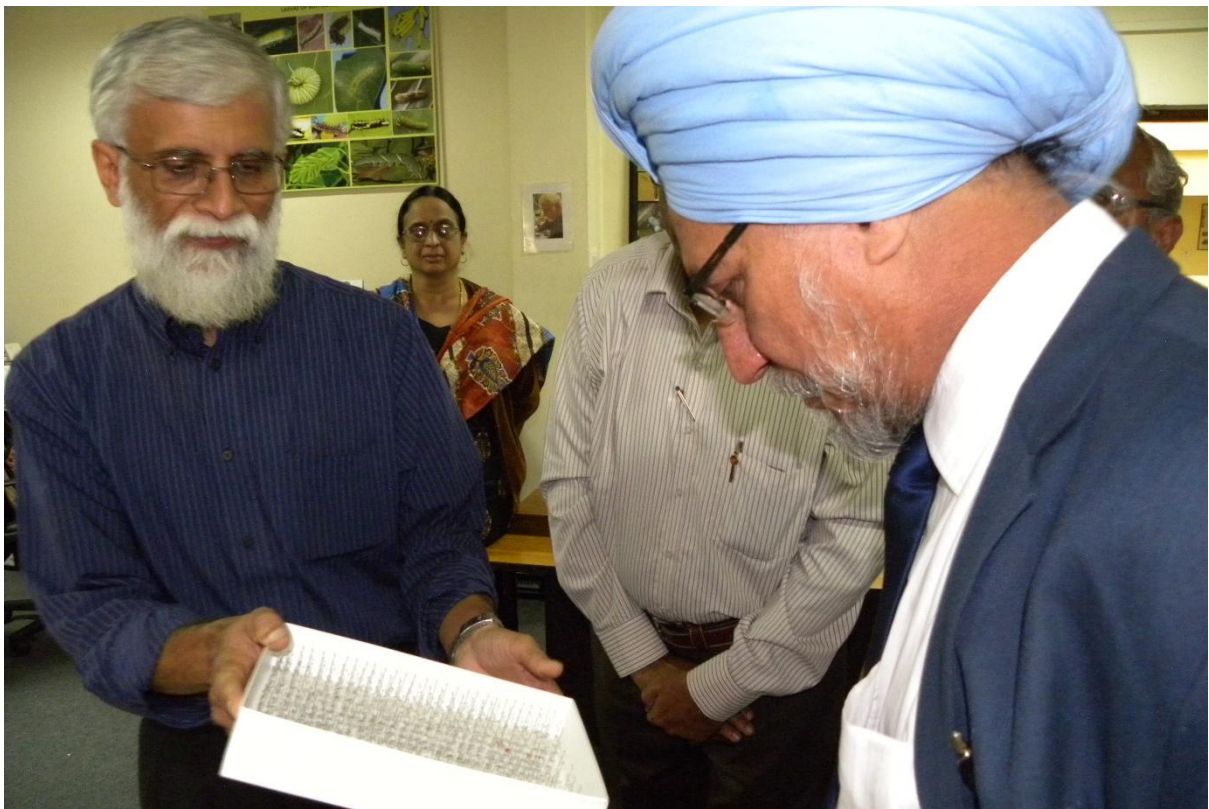
DDG (CS) launches the MODII database



Dr. S. K. Jalali explains the 'MODII'



Dr. Prashanth Mohanraj explains the most treasured collections





Dr. Chandish R Ballal introducing insect biocontrol agents of NBAIR



Dr. A. N. Shylesha discusses emerging pest scenario





Dr. Subaharan explaining the use of pheromones in insect control



Dr. T. Venkatesan and Dr. Jagdeesh Patil explaining the technologies developed by NBAIR