

ICAR-NBAIR SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – 2018

CURTAIN RAISER

Silver Jubilee Celebrations of ICAR-NBAIR, 2018 was inaugurated with the curtain raiser program on 24th January, 2018 at Yelahanka Campus, Bangalore. The function was inaugurated with ICAR song lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries on the dais. Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Director, ICAR-NBAIR welcomed the dignitaries and audience to the program. She acknowledged the contributions of the Dr. S. P. Singh, founder director of the institute, who's untiring and relentless efforts led to the enviable growth and recognition of NBAIR at national and international levels. Dr. N. K. Krishnakumar, Regional Director, Bioversity International, former Director, ICAR-NBAIR delivered the silver jubilee message, wherein he highlighted the significant contributions of this institute in Indian agriculture by promoting biological control. He also emphasized that NBAIR should grow up as a premier institute of entomological research in all capacities. Dr. Abraham Verghese, in his Silver Jubilee message mentioned the significance of Insect systematics and appealed young scientists to pursue it with enthusiasm. Dr. R. J. Rabindra, former Director of ICAR-NBAIR was the chief guest of the function, who served more than 10 years as Director of NBAIR, reminded to set forth our goals and to streamline research priorities to cope up with upcoming challenges. He further added, networking with international research organization through biological control would be useful in further research. It was followed by unveiling of Silver Jubilee Logo by the chief guest, Dr. R. J. Rabindra. Director, ICAR-NBAIR unveiled the short film-"THE JOURNEY" which showcased the transformation of the institute during the past 25 years. Dr. Prashanth Mohanraj, former HOD, Div. Germplasm collection and characterization, ICAR-NBAIR delivered an interesting and elaborate lecture on Diversity of Insects, wherein he highlighted the significance, dominance and ecosystem services rendered by this tiny creatures who dominate this earth by its abundance and diversity. After the tea break and group photo, quiz and elocution competitions for school students were conducted, for which students from seven schools participated. This was

followed by distribution of Institutional awards, Swachh Bharat awards, best logo prize and prizes for winners of Quiz and elocution competitions. The meeting ended with formal vote of thanks by Dr. N. Bhaktavatsalam, HOD, Germplasm Conservation and utilization. To commemorate the Silver Jubilee Celebration, Dr. R. J. Rabindra, chief guest, planted a tree in pollinator garden, ICAR-NBAIR, Yelahanka Campus.

The Silver Jubilee Celebrations of ICAR-NBAIR, 2018 will be continued throughout the year with focus on farmers training in biocontrol, taking NBAIR technologies to the farm, recognition of organic farmers, institute staff welfare activities etc.



Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Director ICAR-NBAIR with former directors Dr. R. J. Rabindra, Dr. N. K. Krishna Kumar and Dr. Abraham Verghese. Dr. N. Bhaktavatsalam (extreme left), Chairman Staff Welfare presided.



Inauguration of the yearlong silver jubilee celebrations with lighting of lamp by Dr. Chandish R. Ballal along with the former directors



Dr. R. J. Rabindra



Dr. Abraham Verghese (above left) and Dr. N. K. Krishna Kumar (above right)



Welcome by Diector ICAR-NBAIR



Address by Dr. R. J. Rabindra



Address by Dr. N. K. Krishna Kumar



Award winning logo for the silver jubilee year designed by Dr. P. Sreeramakumar, receiving the award from Dr. B. S. Bhumannavar (extreme right)



Staff of ICAR-NBAIR



Dr. Prashanth Mohanraj, Principal Scientist (Retd.) delivering a lecture on 'Insect Biodiversity'



High School Students from various schools of Bengaluru participated in quiz and elocution contest



Students in the elocution contest



Prize winners in the student competition





Dr. M. Mohan receiving the best research worker award



Mr. Jayram receiving the best worker (technical) award



Mrs. Anita receiving the best worker (administration) award from Dr. P L Tandon, Principal Scientist (Retd.)



Mr. P. Ramakrishnaiah receiving the best worker (supporting) award



Dr. Mahesh Yandigeri receiving the Swachata award for best lab maintenance



Tree planting ceremony

