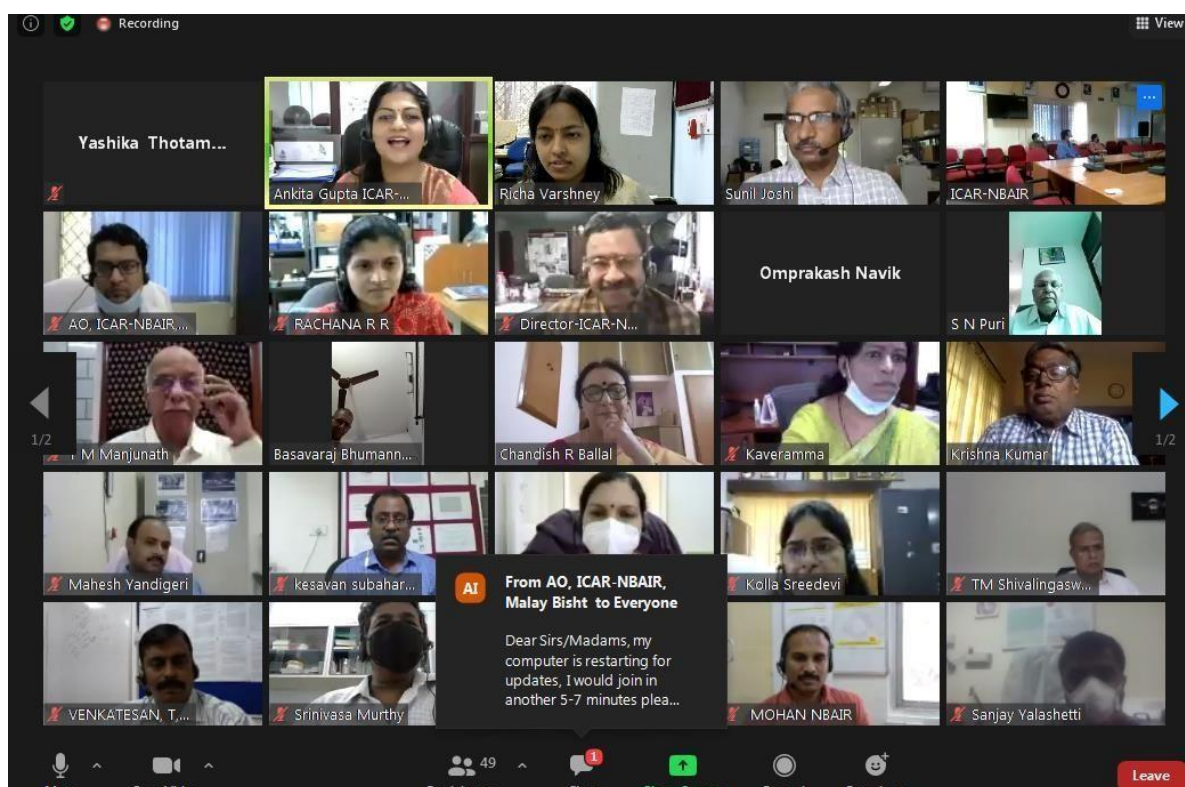


ICAR- National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources celebrates 27th Foundation day

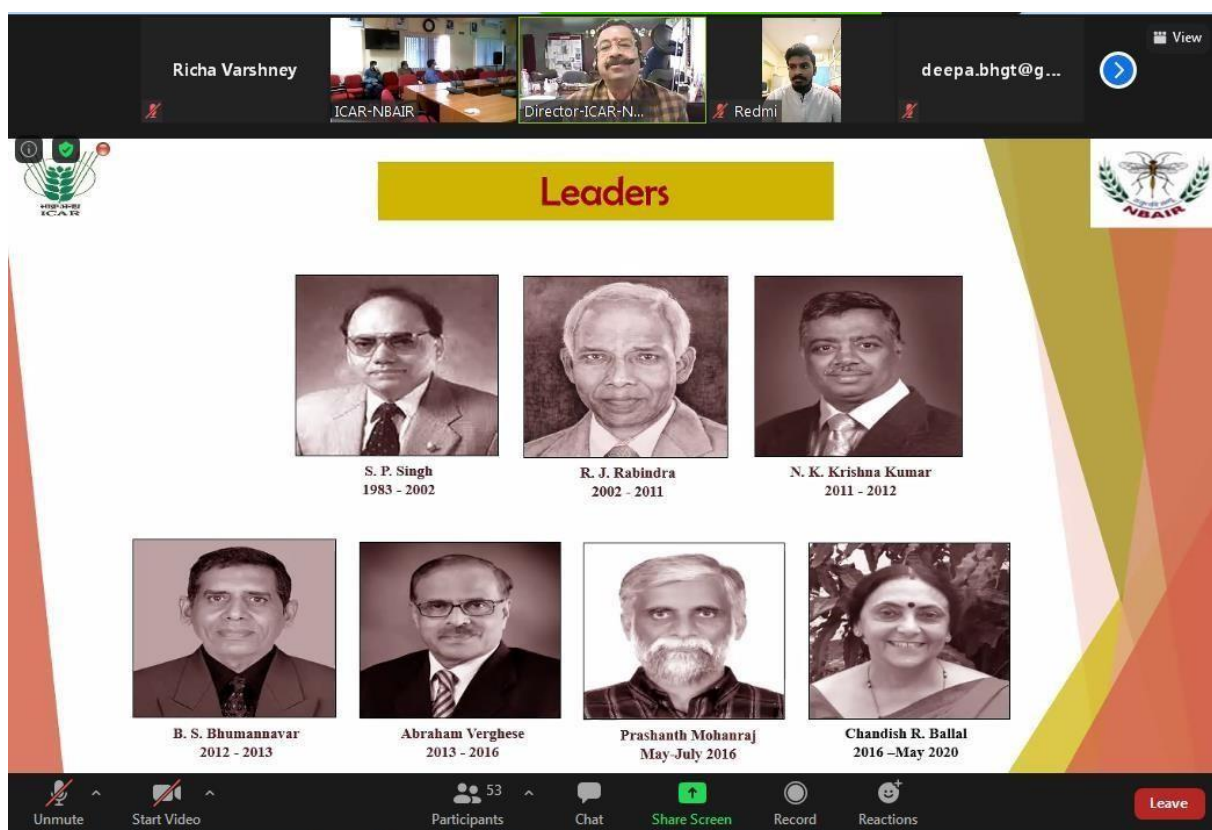
The ICAR- National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources has evolved from the erstwhile Project Directorate of Biological Control on the 19th October, 1993 and this day is being celebrated as the foundation day of ICAR-NBAIR. On this day the contribution made by the former Directors, scientists, technical and administrative staff is being remembered.



A Virtual Programme on Foundation Day- 19th October

The virtual programme started with the welcome address by Dr. Sunil Joshi, Head, Division of Germplasm, Collection and Characterisation, NBAIR, Bangalore who introduced the renowned speakers, Dr. S. N. Puri, Former Vice Chancellor, Central Agricultural University, Imphal and IPM Consultant and Dr. T. M. Manjunath, Former Director, Monsanto Research Centre, Bangalore and Biocontrol consultant along with the Former Directors of the Institute, retired staff, colleagues and others. Dr. N. Bakthavatslam, Director, NBAIR,

Bangalore made a brief presentation of the achievements of ICAR- NBAIR made during the last 27 years which included the technologies developed and the achievements in research front on biosystematics and molecular entomology.



Dr. S. N. Puri appreciated the achievements of ICAR-NBAIR and also suggested the future programmes of NBAIR such as to strengthening expertise on biological control, considering the issue of doubling the income of farmers through the reduction of input cost and future research on the Genetically modified insects.

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A Speech by Dr. T. M. Manjunath

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Dr. T. M. Manjunath made a brief presentation of the contributions of the Former Directors (Dr. S. P. Singh, Dr. R. J. Rabindra, Dr. N. K. Krishna Kumar, Dr. Abraham Vergese and Dr. Chandish R. Ballal). He stressed the importance of future research areas of biological control such as development of mass production techniques for the parasitoids such as *Terastichus schoenobii*, improving shelf life of biocontrol agents and advancement in package and delivery mechanisms.

Dr. N. K. Krishna Kumar, Dr. Abraham Vergese, Dr. Chandish R. Ballal complemented the staff of ICAR-NBAIR on the 27th Foundation day. Dr. S. Ramani, Dr. Pradyumn Kumar, Dr. N. S. Rao, Ms. Shashikala Kadam, Dr. B. Ramanujam and other retired staff of NBAIR also participated in the programme.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. A. N. Shylesha, Head, Division of Germplasm, Conservation and Utilisation, NBAIR, Bangalore.