

## School children visit to Insectarium, NBAIR, Bengaluru

The students from Ohana School, Kengeri, Bengaluru visited the Insectarium at Hebbal campus of the Institute on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Around 13 students of class II to VII visited the Insectarium, where insects, both live and dead were exhibited. The staff of NBAIR explained about insect diversity and the amazing facts of insects. Then the students were shown the live insects and preserved specimens of both harmful (crop pests) and beneficial insects *viz.*, pollinators, parasitoids, predators (butterflies, ladybird beetles, silk worm, lac insect, honey bees, non-*Apis* bees, stingless bees, etc.) in Insectarium and were explained about the insect world in brief. Later the children visited the insect photo gallery to get an insight about the diversity of insects around. The students interacted actively and shown interest in looking at the various species of insects displayed in the insectarium.



Dr. N. Bakhavatsalam, Director, ICAR-NBAIR explaining about insects to the students



Dr. K. Sreedevi, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NBAIR explaining about Ahimsa silk to the students



Dr. K. Sreedevi, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NBAIR explaining about bee hives to the students



Dr. N. Bakthavatsalam, Director, Dr. A. N. Shylesha, Head, Division of GCU, Dr. K. Sreedevi, In charge, Insectarium, ICAR-NBAIR with students and staff of the Ohana School, Kengeri