

**Sixth National Conference on Biological Control : Innovative Approaches for
Green India held from 3 to 5 March 2021 at
ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru.**

Sixth National Conference on Biological Control was organized at ICAR–National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru from 3 to 5 March 2021 jointly by Society for Biocontrol Advancement and ICAR–National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru. Dr. N. Bakthavatsalam, Director, ICAR–National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (NBAIR), Bengaluru welcomed the participants of the meeting. Dr. B.V. David and Dr.T.M.Manjunath eminent entomologists gave their valid remarks on Biological Control. Dr. S. C. Dubey, Assistant Director General (PP&BS), ICAR, New Delhi stressed that the biopesticides would play a major role in the management of insect pests and disease. He also emphasized the exploitation of native strains of biocontrol agents for the management of pests and diseases of crop plants. Dr. T R Sharma, Deputy Director General (Crop science), ICAR, New Delhi, pointed out the use of local isolates of bioagents and to study the impact of the local isolates. He also stressed on the need to conduct research on plant – pest - microorganism interactions and host range of bioagents. He had advised to generate the finger print data of indigenous strains of biocontrol agents to facilitate for registration as a biopesticides. Eminent biocontrol workers were felicitated in the inaugural function. Various awards were distributed in the function. Dr. T. Venkatesan, Chief organizing Secretary proposed vote of thanks. Around 150 people participated the conference.

Dr. T. Venkatesan, Dr. G. Sivakumar, Dr. A. Kandan, Dr. Gandhi Gracy, Dr. Ankita Gupta, Dr. G. Mahendiran, Dr. M. Sampath Kumar and Dr.U.Amala were responsible as Organizing Secretaries for this National Conference.



Dr. N. Bakthavatsalam, Director, ICAR–National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru welcomed the participants



Dignitaries lighting the lamp



Releasing the abstract book of 6th NCBC



Eminent entomologist Dr. B. V. David addressing the audience



Dr.S.C.Dubey, Assistant Director General (PP&BS), ICAR, New Delhi addressing the audience



Dr. T R Sharma, Deputy Director General (Crop science), ICAR, New Delhi addressing the audience



Eminent entomologist Dr. Chandish R. Ballal was honoured



Dr. M. M. Mohan awardee was honoured



Dr. Richa Varshney awardee was honoured



Dr. Y.Lalitha awardee was honoured



Best Ph. D. Thesis awardees Dr. Kariyanna and Dr Sowmya were honoured

