

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON *Anagyrus lopezi*

- Based on the import permit issued by DPPQ&S (No. 17/2020-21 dated 29.10.2020), ICAR-NBAIR has imported the parasitoids (*Anagyrus lopezi*) from IITA subcenter, Benin during 13 August 2021 for the cassava mealybug, *Phenacoccus manihoti* management in India.
- NBAIR performed all the mandatory tests namely host specificity, non-target studies and ensured *A. lopezi* is safe for field release for the management of cassava mealybug.
- The bureau has standardized the mass production technique of the parasitoid, *A. lopezi* in small as well as large scale to suit to the Indian requirements.
- Through four physical training's ICAR-NBAIR have trained 48 staffs represented from Department of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, SAUs, and KVK towards establishment of mass production units by them to meet the local requirements.
- On grant of limited area release permit by DPPQ&S for release at Tamil Nadu and Kerala (F. No. 99-7/2013/PQD dated 4 January 2022). ICAR-NBAIR had successfully organized the first field release programme hosted by TCRS on 7 March 2022 at Yethapur Salem, Tamil Nadu. On gratis, a total of 3000 parasitoids along with parasitized twigs were distributed to the farmers who attended the programme from six districts of Tamil Nadu.
- ICAR-NBAIR encourages the farmers for *in situ* production of the parasitoids by getting the nucleus culture of *A. lopezi* from ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru /TCRS, Yethapur, Salem, TN.
- Mass production and supply of the parasitoid culture vested with the government institutions on gratis only.
- **In any case, supply of the parasitoids to the farmers on cost basis/profit making business by the private firm is highly discouraged and punishable. Such incidents may be brought to the notice of the competent authority of NBAIR.**
- However, the private firms wish to supply of parasitoid through community approach on gratis is encouraged.
- **In order to obtain the nucleus culture of the parasitoids from NBAIR, it is requested to place indent well in advance to**

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