

World Environmental Day celebrated at ICAR-NBAIR, Yelahanka campus

On June 5, 2023, ICAR-NBAIR observed "World Environment Day" at its Yelahanka campus, Bengaluru. Dr. S N Sushil, Director of the institute welcomed everyone and gave a briefing on the theme of World Environment Day and underlined the need of planting drives for ecosystem restoration and protection of environment. He further emphasized the value of insects and butterflies in agriculture as well as the contribution of plants and insects to a sustainable ecosystem. Twenty five different species of host plants known to attract large number of butterflies were planted by the staff of NBAIR. Dr. Gundappa, Senior Scientist (Entomology) and Dr. Mahesh Yandigeri, Principal Scientist, gave an overview of how eco-parks were developed at ICAR-NBAIR campus in the past. Dr. Dr. A.N. Shylesha, Principal Scientist, highlighted how establishing green ecosystems in urban areas will aid in the restoration of ecosystems. Dr. Venkatesan, Head (I/c), Division of GR underlined how organic matter can be converted and used to improve soil health and arthropod activity for betterment of the ecosystem. The issue of plastic pollution and the need to recycle plastic trash for a sustainable environment was emphasized by Dr. Kolla Sreedevi Head (I/c), Division of GCU. and. Dr. G Sivakumar, Principal Scientist gave a history of the NBAIR Yelahanka campus as well as an explanation of the role that previous campus in-charge played in transforming the barren land into a green environment. In addition, he advised scientists to carry out investigations on plastic degradation by insects to beat the plastic pollution and to promote bureau work in various forums for the benefit of researchers, farmers, and other stakeholders. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Gundappa.



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Planting of butterfly host plant by Dr. S N Sushil , Director, ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru



ICAR-NBAIR scientists involved in the panting of butterfly host plants

