

School children visit to ICAR-NBAIR Yelahanka campus

An exposure visit was organized at the ICAR-NBAIR Yelahanka campus on 18th August 2023 for the students (120 students along with five teachers) of Vishwa Vidyapeeth, CBSE School Yelahanka. Dr. K. Subaharan, Principal Scientist & Head, Division of Germplasm Conservation and Utilisation, ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru welcomed the children and staff from VVP and emphasized that such visits could ignite young minds towards the fascinating world of insects. In his address, Dr. T.M. Shivalingaswamy, Principal Scientist introduced the 'World of Insects' in which he highlighted the role played by insects of economic importance. The students visited the 'Bee Home' located on the campus and Dr. U. Amala, Senior Scientist displayed the colony nature of stingless bees. The benefits of the pollinator garden were explained to the students. Dr. K. Subaharan displayed and explained about the insects infesting the stored grains. In an attempt to enthuse the students, the live insects viz., crickets, honeybees, stingless bees, hover flies, yellow-banded wasps and dry-mounted insects of different orders were exhibited to the students. During the scientists-student interaction, the questions raised by students showed enthusiasm, and the scientific tempo seeded in their minds. The programme was coordinated by Dr. U. Amala, Dr. T. Shivalingaswamy, Dr. Kesavan Subaharan and Dr. M. Sampath Kumar from ICAR-NBAIR.

Glimpses of the visit by students from VVP





