

ICAR–NBAIR, Bengaluru Hosts Live Webcast of ‘Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)’ and Distributes Biocontrol Inputs under the Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (DAPSC & ST).

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ICAR–NBAIR, Bengaluru organized the live webcast of the ‘Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)’ programme addressed by the Honourable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi Ji, for the benefit of farmers particularly Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs) on March 13, 2026, at ICAR-NBAIR, Hebbal campus. The event was graced by Shri. G. K. Venkatesh Reddy, Hon’ble Member of Legislative Assembly (Srinivasapura Constituency) as the Chief Guest in the presence of Dr. S. N. Sushil, Director, ICAR–NBAIR. In his opening remarks Dr. S. N. Sushil briefed the dignitaries and participants about the various activities of ICAR-NBAIR and emphasised the role of the institute in supporting farmers by the development of various biological control technologies for the successful pest management and thereby reducing the pesticide load on the crop.

Chief Guest Shri. G. K. Venkatesh Reddy in his address highlighted that since the launch of PM-KISAN in February 2019, nearly ₹3,91,000 crore has been transferred to about 9 crore farmers nationwide. He further mentioned that in the 22nd instalment of the scheme, an amount of Rs. 18,650 crore will be transferred to benefit 9.32 crore eligible farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) and emphasised the importance of PM-KISAN scheme for the prosperity of farmers across the nation. He also appreciated the popularization of various ecofriendly technologies by ICAR–NBAIR among farmers for producing safe food, fodder and fiber.

Over 260 farmers participated in the virtual event marking the release of the 22nd instalment of the PM-KISAN Scheme by the Prime Minister. As part of the programme, biocontrol inputs were distributed to farmers from Kolar and Tumkur Districts under the Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (DAPSC & ST). An exhibition on biocontrol compatible technologies for pest management was organized to benefit the farmers attending the program.