

ICAR-NBAIR Celebrates 98th ICAR Foundation Day

ICAR–National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (ICAR-NBAIR), Bengaluru, celebrated the 98th Foundation Day of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) with great enthusiasm, commemorating the occasion through participation in the ICAR Foundation Day programme and activities.

Scientists, technical officers, administrative staff, and supporting personnel viewed the live webcast of the ICAR Foundation Day programme held at the Bharat Ratna C. Subramaniam Auditorium, NASC Complex, New Delhi. The programme featured the Foundation Day Address by Dr. M. L. Jat, Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR, on the theme "*ICAR: Reflecting on 365 Days, Reimagining Agriculture for Viksit Bharat 2047*". The event also witnessed the release of ICAR technologies and publications, exchange of technology licensing agreements and MoUs, and addresses by Honourable Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and other Union Ministers, underscoring ICAR's contributions towards agricultural innovation and national development.

The Honourable Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare released "Shatpada Fruit Fly Trap", an innovative technology developed by Dr. Deepa Bhagat, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NBAIR, along with fellow inventors, Dr. K.J. David, Senior Scientist, ICAR-NBAIR and Dr. S.N. Sushil, Former Director, ICAR-NBAIR. Dr. T. Venkatesan, Director (A), ICAR-NBAIR and Dr. K. Subaharan, Head, DGCU Division, congratulated the inventors on this significant achievement. The Shatpada Fruit Fly Trap is a refillable controlled-release semiochemical trap designed for residue-free management of the oriental fruit fly, *Bactrocera dorsalis*.

Another notable achievement for ICAR-NBAIR was the exchange of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the commercialization of EPN technology, "Shatpada-wettable powder formulation of *Heterorhabditis indica* strain NBAIIH38 for the management of white grubs and fall armyworm," developed by Dr Jagadeesh Patil, Senior Scientist, ICAR-NBAIR, to Baroda Agro Chemical Limited, Gujarat, India. The exchange of the MoU during the Foundation Day programme reflects the institute's commitment to translating cutting-edge research into technologies that benefit Indian agriculture and promote sustainable pest management.

To mark the occasion locally, ICAR-NBAIR organized a tree plantation drive at its Yelahanka Farm campus. Scientists, technical, administrative and supporting staff enthusiastically participated in planting saplings, reaffirming the institute's commitment to environmental conservation and sustainable agricultural practices.

The celebrations highlighted ICAR-NBAIR's continued excellence in agricultural research and innovation, with national recognition of its technologies reinforcing the institute's significant contribution towards sustainable agriculture and the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.







