

ICAR-NBAIR Organized HRD Training on Identification of Insect Pests and Natural Enemies in Crop Ecosystems

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ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (ICAR-NBAIR), Bengaluru, organized a five-day HRD training programme on “Identification of Insect Pests and Natural Enemies in Crop Ecosystems” from 6–10 October 2026 at its Hebbal campus, sponsored under the HRD Programme of ICAR. The programme aimed to enhance participants’ knowledge and practical skills in identifying insect pests and their natural enemies across different crop ecosystems.

The training programme was inaugurated on 6 October 2026 by Dr. M. Prabhakar, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Zone XI, Bengaluru. In his inaugural address, he emphasized the importance of accurate insect identification, effective pest management, adoption of biocontrol strategies, and conservation of natural enemies. A total of 19 participants, comprising 11 men and 8 women, from various Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), Regional Plant Quarantine Stations (RPQS), Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage (DPPQS) and students from B.G.S College, Chikkaballapur attended the programme. The Course Director, Dr. Kolla Sreedevi, Principal Scientist and ICAR-National Fellow briefed the lectures and activities scheduled in the training programme.

The technical sessions included expert lectures, practical demonstrations and hands-on exercises on the identification of insect pests and natural enemies of economic importance in crop ecosystems. The sessions highlighted the importance of accurate identification for timely pest diagnosis, effective crop protection and prevention of economic losses through appropriate management strategies. Emphasis was also placed on integrated pest management (IPM), biological control, reduction in chemical pesticide use, and conservation of beneficial insects to promote sustainable agriculture. The trainees benefited from the expertise of taxonomists from Bureau and State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), gaining practical knowledge and skills in identifying economically important insect pests and their natural enemies.

The programme concluded on 10 October 2026 with a valedictory session chaired by Dr. T. Venkatesan, Director (A), ICAR-NBAIR. Trainees appreciated the training activities and highlighted its contribution in strengthening their technical skills. Certificates were distributed to all the trainees. The training is organised to enhance insect identification capabilities and support the adoption of sustainable pest management strategies in various crop ecosystems. The Course Director Dr. Kolla Sreedevi and Course Coordinators of the training programme thanked ICAR for sponsoring the HRD training programme and Director, ICAR-NBAIR for facilitating the programme







