

**Dr. N. Bakthavatsalam, Acting Director, ICAR-NBAIR Superannuating
on 31st July 2021**

Dr. N. Bakthavatsalam, obtained his Ph. D in Entomology from University of Madras, under the guidance of noted entomologist, Prof. T. N Ananthkrishnan. He joined Agricultural Research Service (ARS) of in 1985 and served at Nagaland centre of ICAR Research Complex, Shillong during 1985- 1989. He later moved on transfer to NRC on Cashew, (presently Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur where he served for over 3 years. During 1991 he was transferred to ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (erstwhile PDBC/ NBAII) and served the institute in various capacities. He took over the charge as Acting Director from 01-06-2020. He was instrumental in developing the state of the art chemical ecology laboratory at ICAR –NBAIR that characterizes volatiles from plants and insects, especially, semiochemicals. He also undergone one year Post-Doctoral training at National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore on the olfactory receptors of insects under Prof. Obaid Siddiqui. He has developed technologies that have the potential to be productized and hence has demand among the companies that were looking for clean and green pest management. After completing 36 years of service at ICAR-NBAIR, he has superannuated on 31-07-2021. ICAR-NBAIR family wishes him a warm and happiest retirement life.



Dr. M. Nagesh, Director, ICAR-NBAIR addressing the gathering



Dr. Abraham Verghese, Former Director of ICAR-NBAIR given his remarks



Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Former Director of ICAR-NBAIR given a speech in this occasion



Ms. Yeshika, Daughter of Dr. N.Bakthavatsalam given a speech on this occasion



Ms. Malvika, Daughter of Dr. N. Bakthavatsalam given a speech on this occasion



Group photo during the superannuating function of Dr. N.Bakthavatsalam, Director, ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru