

Best Performing AICRP Centre on Biological Control

All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Biological Control of Crop Pests, Anand Agricultural University (AAU), Anand has been recognized as ‘**Best Performing AICRP Centre on Biological Control**’ for the period 2021-22. This award was presented at 31st Annual Review Meeting of All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Biological Control of Crop Pests held at ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru (Karnataka) during 20-21 October 2022. This recognition was graciously received in the presence of distinguished dignitaries Dr T. R. Sharma, Hon’ble Deputy Director General (Crop Science), Dr. S. C. Dubey, Assistant Director General (Plant Protection and Biosecurity), ICAR, New Delhi & Dr. S. N. Sushil, Director & Project Co-ordinator, ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru. Currently, 36 AICRP-Biological Control centres are operational across India. The centre at Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Gujarat has been functioning since 1977. Since then, the team's persistent efforts have slated significant contributions in biological control of crop pests and diseases. Centre’s recent outreach efforts in reaching the farming community through the development of bio-intensive pest management (BIPM) technologies, large scale validation and demonstration of proven BIPM technologies, futuristic facility for the research and mass production of bioagents and biopesticides, educating the farmers on-farm through bio-agents awareness week, capacity building programmes in association with NGOs and reputed international organization *viz.*, Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International (CABI), South Asia was applauded during the session. The scientific staff, technical and non-technical fraternity of AICRP on Biological Control, AAU, Anand gratefully acknowledge the commendable guidance and support of Dr. K. B. Kathiria, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor; Dr. M. K. Jhala, Director of Research and Dean PG Studies; Dr. K. C. Patel, Unit officer, ICAR Unit-9, AAU, Anand; Dr. S. N. Sushil, Director & Project Co-ordinator and Dr. Sivakumar, G., Chairman, AICRP Co-ordinating Cell, ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru in achieving this milestone.

