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## Farmers need simple remedies to control pests and diseases: DG ICAR

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The Director General of ICAR Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra has said that farmers need simple remedies to control pests and diseases which could save input costs in agriculture and biological controls can be one such remedy.

Speaking at the inauguration of first international Conference on Biological controls in Bengaluru today, he said up to 30% of agricultural yields are affected by pests and diseases despite intensive chemical pesticide use. Biological control of insect pests and diseases is one of the major ecosystem services provided to agriculture worldwide.

Dr. Mohapatra said biological control mechanisms should be simple and easier to be introduced by the farmers. The three days conference will address issues related to various biological

control approaches in the context of biodiversity, increased chemical pesticide pressure and climate change. . Delegates from 20 countries are participating in the conference.

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# 43 foreign scientists attend 1st International Conference on Biological Control

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The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is sponsoring the 1st International Conference on Biological Control (ICBC) from 27 to 29 September at Hotel Le Meridien, Bangalore. The seminar is organized by ICAR- National Bureau of Agricultural insect resources (NBAIR) along with Society for Biocontrol Advancement (SBA). Around 43 scientists from Australia, Canada, UK, US, Bangladesh, Oman, Nepal, Italy etc will talk and discuss about their research findings on various aspects of biological control.

30 percent of agricultural yields worldwide are affected by pests and diseases despite intensive chemical pesticide use. Biological control of insect pests and diseases is one of the main ecosystem services provided to agriculture worldwide. Natural enemies like predators, parasitoids and pathogens here play an important role in limiting the damage caused by nature and exotic pests. The main theme of the ICBC conference is to address problems related to various biological control approaches in context of biodiversity, increased chemical pesticide pressure and climate change.



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### **Bio-control agents can help double income of farmer: Director General of ICAR**

- According to the Director General of ICAR, Trilochan Mohapatra, bio-control agents can help realise the target of doubling the income of farmers in India. He was speaking at the inauguration of first international Conference on Biological controls in Bengaluru on September 27, 2018.
- Mohapatra said that the farmers need simple remedies to control pests and diseases that could save input costs in agriculture and biological controls can be one such remedy.
- He said up to 30 per cent of agricultural yields are affected by pests and diseases despite intensive chemical pesticide use. Biological control of insect pests and diseases is one of the major ecosystem services provided to agriculture worldwide.