

## Celebration of Kisan Diwas

Popularly known as Kisan Diwas, the National Farmers' Day is a national occasion observed on 23 December every year. National Farmers' Day is celebrated in the honour of the fifth Prime Minister of India, Shri Chaudhary Charan Singh. ICAR-NBAIR celebrated Kisan Diwas on 23 December 2018 as a part of action plan for Swachhata Pakhwada (16 - 31 December, 2018). An interactive meeting was held in the farmers' field in Gauribidnur, Chikkaballapur District, Karnataka. Dr Richa Varshney, Dr Y. Lalitha and Dr Ramya. R.S from NBAIR interacted with the farmers and answered their queries. Crop advisory services were rendered for the efficient management of the fall army worm, *Spodoptera frugiperda* in maize. Several biocontrol inputs like *Trichogramma*, *Telenomus*, *Beauveria bassiana*, *Metarhizium anisopliae* and *Bacillus thuringiensis* were supplied to the farmers as part of the programme. The methods of releasing the parasitoids were also demonstrated for the benefit of the farmers.



**Distribution of biocontrol agents to the farmer**



**Method demonstration of the release of parasitoids**

