

Director, ICAR-IISR, Lucknow visited ICAR-IISR, Biological Control Centre, Pravaranagar (Maharashtra)

Dr. Rasappa Viswanathan, Director, ICAR-IISR Lucknow visited the ICAR-IISR Biological Control Centre at Pravaranagar (Maharashtra) on January 10-11, 2024. Dr. D. N. Borase, Scientist (I/c)& and Dr. Y. E. Thorat, Scientist welcomed him and showed the centre's research and developmental work, especially the bio management of white grubs by using entomopathogenic bacteria (EPBs) and entomopathogenic nematodes (EPNs), management of moth borers using egg parasitoid *Trichogramma chilonis* and *T. japonicum* (green trichocards), management of post-harvest sugar deterioration, seasonal surveillance of insect pests and diseases in tropical sugarcane areas, and extension, the outreach programme of the center for the cane farmers. He visited the laboratories, insectary, bioagents rearing room, and micro plots of the centre and highlighted the need for work on developing healthy seed cane nurseries, varietal replacement programme, bioformulation development, and regular intervention of modern IISR technologies for the betterment of sugarcane crops. He appreciated the research and developmental work of the centre. Scientists and all staff of the centre were present during this occasion.





