

# VASANTDADA SUGAR INSTITUTE



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To  
The Managing Director,

**Sub: Monthly workshop on "EPN based Bio-control of White Grub in Sugarcane."**

Dear Sir,

As a part of extension activity, Agricultural Microbiology and Entomology sections are organizing one day workshop on **"EPN based Bio-control of White Grub in Sugarcane"** on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Nowadays, white grub attack, *Leucopholis lepidophora* is increasing in South Maharashtra and *Holotrichia serrata* in rest of Maharashtra. Entomopathogenic Nematodes (EPN) particularly, *Heterorhabditis spp.* is found effective in controlling white grubs. Therefore to control the attack of white grubs integrated pest management needs to be initiated during pre-monsoon period. In this regard we are inviting Dr. B. S. Sunanda, Nematologist, NIPHM, Hyderabad for delivering special lecture on **"EPN based Bio-control of White Grub in Sugarcane"**. The Institute has taken the efforts to develop BVM and EPN cultures i.e. liquid bio-pesticides which will take care of white grub control. VSI's liquid biopesticide plays an important role as being an integral part of bio-integrated pest management and it will help in increasing crop productivity due to precise plant protection.

Looking into the importance of topic of the workshop, it is requested to depute Agriculture Officer, Cane Development Officer, field assistant and the staff which are engaged in Agriculture division of your sugar mill. Please confirm the participants and send cash or demand draft drawn of Rs. 500/- per participant in favor of Vasantdada Sugar Institute, Pune. Please contact Mrs. Rutuja R. More (9657982584) and Mr. R. G. Yadav (9011060622), as workshop coordinators for details. An early and positive action in this regard will be appreciated.

With regards

Yours sincerely,

(Shivajirao Deshmukh)