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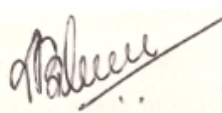
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dr. Bhabesh Deka has joined as Scientist-B, in the Dept of Entomology, Tea Research Association (TRA), Tocklai Tea Research Institute (the oldest and the largest tea research institute in the world), presently posted at the North Bengal Regional Research and Development Centre (NBRDC), Nagrakata, West Bengal, Regional Branch. Presently he is working as Scientist-C, in the same organization since April 2021. He has more than 7 years of research experience in basic and applied aspects of entomology. His key task in the NBRDC is to conduct applied research and field trials on the management of major tea pests in divergent areas of North Bengal and Darjeeling. He is also responsible for monitoring the day-to-day activities of the department (conducting bioassays on pesticides, biological and report preparation), pesticide residue trials, paid trials for data generation, host-parasite / predator interaction and behaviour studies, bioassays for testing of bio-efficacy and persistency of insecticidal products (both synthetic and ITK), and development of different non-conventional eco-friendly pest management tools that have greatly enriched the existing IPM package of tea planters of North Bengal and Darjeeling. His research activities are documented in more than 35 research papers published in national and international journals and erudite articles in 4 books. He is a sincere and very hard working young man. I nominate him for the ESI YOUNG ENTOMOLOGIST AWARD 2021. I wish him success in every step of his future career.


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