Report of Training Program on Apiculture

Organized by the Department of Zoology &Envt. Science in collaboration with the Multidisciplinary Training Centre, Khadi & Village Industries Commission, Govt. Of India. Dehradun,Uttarakhand for the students of B.Sc. Zoology, VI Semester

Conducted by:Multidisciplinary Training Centre, Khadi & Village Industries Commission. **Location:**Shahastradhara Road, Adhoiwala, Dehradun, Uttarakhand **Duration:** 28th April 2025 to 2nd May 2025

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The **Apiculture** (**Beekeeping**) training program was organized by the Multidisciplinary Training Centre, Khadi & Village Industries Commission, to promote sustainable income generation through modern beekeeping practices. The program aimed to provide both conceptual knowledge and practical exposure to the students about apiculture as a supplementary or main source of livelihood.

The training was conducted over 5 days and covered the following aspects:

Day 1: Introduction to Apiculture

- History and importance of beekeeping.
- Different species of honey bees in India.

Day 2: Biology of Honey Bees and TheirColony Structure

- Roles of queen, workers, and drones.
- Bee behavior and life cycle.

Day 3: Apiary Management

- Equipment used in beekeeping.
- Seasonal management practices.
- Hive inspection and record-keeping.

Day 4: Honey Extraction & Processing

- Methods of honey extraction (manual and mechanical).
- Quality control, storage, and bottling.

• Wax and by-product management.

Day 5: Marketing and Government Schemes

- Packaging, labeling, and value addition.
- Opportunities in local export markets.
- Government support schemes and subsidies for beekeepers.

Practical Sessions

- Handling of bee colonies with protective gear.
- Demonstration of artificial queen rearing.
- Field visit to a model apiary unit.
- Hands-on training in honey extraction and filtering.

TrainingOutcome:The training program was highly informative and practically very significant. It helped the students to understand the scientific and commercial aspects of apiculture. Now they are more confident in starting/scalingbeekeeping units and contributing to pollination services, biodiversity, and rural income generation.

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Glimpses of the training program:



Fig 1. Training Centre

Fig 2. Students with Trainer in the Lecture Hall



Fig 3. Honey Processing UnitFig 4. Trainer demonstrating handling of Honey bees sp& their identification, etc.



after completion of training



Fig. 5. Student receiving CertificateFig 6. Group photograph