

Celebration of World Honey Bee Day

World Honey bee Day celebration was organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Shikohpur, Gurugram on 19.08.2017 at KVK Campus. About 60 farmers of the nearby area attended the programme. Dr. Dr. J.P. Sharma, Joint Director (Extension), IARI and Chief Guest of the programme inaugurated the function. In the inaugural speech he told that beekeeping is a very important endeavor for farmers and farming community. Other than the valuable products like honey, wax, pollen etc. obtained from the bees, it has a huge potential in creating different opportunities for self employment and livelihood security through preparation of bee boxes and different implements related to this occupation. He also told that honey bees play very impotent role in the production potential of different crops as the bees are very useful pollinators. Dr. J.P.S. Dabas, Head CATAT, IARI suggested to the farmers that it is essential to learn about the self employment generation for sustainable livelihood through entrepreneurship in bee keeping like processing, packaging and marketing of honey, fruits and other similar products. An exhibition was also placed to show the different tools and implements like bee boxes, honey bee wax sheets, honey extraction machine, head net cap etc. at the KVK campus.

Dr. R.N. Sharma, Head KVK also explained to the farmers about the importance of beekeeping vocation that may be performed in a easy way along with the agriculture. During this event the trained beekeepers from KVK, Sh. Amit Kumar & Sh. Vipin Chahal shared their experiences and raised the quires about beekeeping vocation like low processing recovery and marketing problems of honey. The experts answered to these quires by telling about the procedure of proper processing, leveling, bottling of the honey and how to maintain the standards of the regulation, FSSAI etc.



