

## ASCI Sponsored Training Programme on 'Beekeepers'

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020, ICAR-NRC Litchi, Muzaffarpur had organized a 30 days training programme on Skill Development Training Programme Job role "Beekeeper" under the aegis of Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI), Gurugram, Haryana. The training was scheduled from 2<sup>nd</sup> March -31<sup>st</sup> March 30 March 2020 to cover a total duration of 200 hours for both theory and practical classes. This training was aimed at enhancing the awareness among trainees about beekeeping, pollination services offered by honeybees and their economic product. During this training, 23 male and 5 female trainees including unemployed youth and college pass outs from different parts of Muzaffarpur participated. While addressing to the trainees, Dr. Vishal Nath, Director talked about importance and scope of beekeeping as a subsidiary occupation. He also deliberated on economics and marketing of beekeeping. During this training, trainees were sensitized about various aspects of beekeeping including honey bee species, colony organization, division of labour and life cycle of honey bees, queen bee rearing, maintenance of the beehives, beekeeping accessories and live bee colonies. Preliminary information on how to start beekeeping, management of beehives during dearth periods, the economics of beekeeping, bee products and role of bees in crop pollination was imparted to the trainees by experts of the institute. Owing to unfortunate COVID-19 pandemic, the program was halted for a week and will resume once normal situation prevails. In the meanwhile, the study material and important informations are being updated to the trainees through whatsapp group created specifically for Beekeeper trainees.



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### मधुमक्खी पालन पर मासिक प्रशिक्षण हुआ शुरू

मुगहरी। राष्ट्रीय लीची अनुसंधान केंद्र में मधुमक्खी पालन, शहद उत्पादन पर 30 दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण शुरू हुआ। यह प्रशिक्षण राष्ट्रीय कौशल विकास निगम भारत सरकार द्वारा भारतीय कृषि कौशल परिषद, गुरुग्राम, हरियाणा के द्वारा प्रायोजित है। वरिष्ठ वैज्ञानिक डॉ. संजय कुमार सिंह ने बताया कि प्रशिक्षण में मधुमक्खी की विभिन्न प्रजातियां, उनका जीवन चक्र, विभिन्न मधुमक्खियों का संचार तंत्र, भोजन स्रोत का स्थान आदि की जानकारी दी जाएगी। वैज्ञानिक डॉ. ड्वनिंग स्टोन मारखोरे ने कहा कि प्रशिक्षण में 70 प्रतिशत उपस्थिति अनिवार्य है व प्रमाण पत्र भारतीय कृषि कौशल परिषद, नई दिल्ली ही देगा। प्रशिक्षण का उद्घाटन केंद्र के निदेशक डॉ. विराल नाथ ने किया।

They were also given an extension bulletin in Hindi dealing with every salient points of bee keeping and honey production and processing. All trainees will be getting certificate approved by ASCI, Gurugram, Haryana shortly.

Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Senior Scientist, Dr E.S. Marboh, Scientist and Dr. Alok Kumar Gupta coordinated this training programme under the guidance of PME Cell Chairman, Dr. S D Pandey and Director, Dr. Vishal Nath.