

Training on Scientific Beekeeping

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, ICAR-NRRI Cuttack, organized a 7-day training program sponsored by the National Bee Board from March 1–7, 2023. A total of 25 members from the Swagatika Honey Producer Group participated in the training program. Training Coordinator Dr. Tusar Ranjan Sahoo, SMS (Horticulture) prepared the lesson plan for the 7-day time duration. During the training program OUAT Ex-Professor Dr. Chittaranjan Satapathy, Dr. Ramanatha Mohapatra, and ICAR-NRRI Scientist Dr. Basan Gouda G. imparted training to the participants. They all interacted with producer group members and answered their queries on how to become successful in their businesses. Rural youth entrepreneurs Sri Kumar Samal, Sri Suwendu Kar, Sri Chitta Puan, and Annapurna Chhatoi all were involved in the hands-on training and practical classes for the trainees. All participants learned about the scope of beekeeping, types of honey bees, identification of bees and their colony organization, colony division, specific management of honey bees, diseases & pests, and economics of beekeeping. They could see the demonstration of the Honey extraction process inside the kvk premises. All members were visited on an exposure visit to the Honey Bee unit at Kapil, Dhenkanal to learn the Economics and marketing of Honey products. In the valedictory function, Dr. Sujata Sethy, OIC, KVK, encouraged all participants to keep honey boxes numbered 1 to 10 in order to supplement household income. She hoped to make a profit after the second year with proper branding and marketing. Dr. Dillip Ranjan Sarangi, SMS (Soil Science) welcomed the dignitaries and Dr. Ranjan Kumar Mohanta, SMS (Animal Science) offered the vote of thanks. Sri Debasish Jena, SMS (Agrometeorology) coordinated the program. Dr. Amaresh Kumar Nayak, Director, ICAR-NRRI, Cuttack, and Dr. Shyamaranjan Das Mohapatra, Nodal Officer, KVK Cuttack, guided and encouraged this seven-day training program.



Glimpses of Training on Scientific Beekeeping