

PROPAGATION OF SCIENTIFIC BEEKEEPING AMONGST FOREST DWELLERS & FRINGE COMMUNITIES

Earlier the activities of National Bee Board veered around imparting training and conducting seminars for the farmers, exporters, Departmental, University Officials and other stakeholders on scientific beekeeping and resultant increase in productivity through pollination. These initiatives of the National Bee Board also helped in generating employment for the rural masses. Besides domestic outlets, Indian honey also found its way to overseas markets, earning the precious foreign currency. NBB has recently started focusing on forest dwellers and fringe communities as a poignant and powerful spectrum for inculcating scientific beekeeping for production of honey and other hive products, besides pollination. With the active involvement of officials of Forest Department, efforts are being made to arrange and inculcate training on scientific beekeeping amongst villagers adjoining various forest areas.