

Department of Zoology Apiculture

Short-Term/ Certificate Course/Diploma

(Skill Enhancement Course) Course Title: Apiculture

Course Code: DSM- ZOO- SKC- 303
Theory

Objective: To acquire knowledge about Apiculture, its cultural practices, and foraging behavior of honey bees for the purpose of Economic production of honey and by-products.

Unit I: Introduction to Apiculture

- a. History of Bees and Beekeeping.
- b. Systematics, Bee species, Bee morphology and Life cycle.
- c. Colony organization, Polymorphism, caste system, Division of labor.
- d. Bees' flora, Foraging, and Honey flow periods.

Unit II: Bees Behaviour and Communication

- a. Behaviour of bees and their types.
- b. Bee Communication and its types (Chemical, Mechanical, and Optical communication).
- c. Bees dance language, Dance types (Round, joy, massage, Tremble, Whir, Shake, Alarm, Cleaning, and Waggle dances).

Unit III: Applied Apiculture

- a. Purchase of a colony, the Apiary site, how to manage a colony, the manipulation of a colony.
- b. Bee products: Honey, Beeswax, Pollens, Royal jelly, Propolis, and Bee venom.
- c. Bee diseases and enemies.

Unit IV: Apiculture as an Occupation

- a. Extent of Beekeeping in India.
- b. Limitations on the development of beekeeping.
- c. Advantages of extensive beekeeping.
- d. Beekeeping equipment: Bee box and tools and initiation into keeping a colony.

Unit V: Beekeeping Techniques and Apiary Management

- a. Establishment of a colony. Bee flora and planned pollination services.
- b. Important institutions pertinent to apiculture: National Bee Board, Bee Research and Training Institute, Apiaries.
- c. Routine and Seasonal Management of Bees, Migratory beekeeping.
- d. Harvesting and marketing of bee products, Future Scope of Apiculture in the Context of Economy in India.

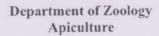
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Suggested Readings:

1. Abrol, D.P. (1997), Bees and Beekeeping. Kalyani Publisher, New Delhi.

2. David Cramp, 2012. The Complete Step-by-step Book of Beekeeping: A Practical Guide to Beekeeping, from Setting Up a Colony to Hive Management and Harvesting the Honey. Lorenz Books. London.

Expected Outcomes:

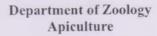
By the end of the course, the students should be able to:

- Identify and describe the fundamentals and Scientific basis of Apiculture.
- Recognize biological principles applications of Apiculture as a study subject.
- The learner understands the basics of beekeeping tools, equipment, and managing beehives
- To understand the basic life cycle of the honeybees, beekeeping tools, and equipment.
- To learn about managing beehives for honey production and pollination.
- The course is useful for providing self-employment to learners.
- The beekeeping is useful in pollination of the flora.
- Learner will understand the marketing of various bee products.

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- 1. Visit to Apiairy, Bee Research Institute, and Apiculture Farm.
- 2. Identification of different bee species and castes.
- 3. Study about Honey extraction, processing, and bottling.
- 4. Study of Morphology, and Anatomy of honey bee.
- 5. Study about life cycle of Honey bees with colorful diagrams.
- 6. Handling of honey bee's colony, and maintenance of apiary record.
- 7. Value-added honey product preparation.
- 8. Prepare Charts and Models.

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Proposal for Short term course on Bee-keeping at the Department of Zoology

S. No.	Title of the program	Bee-keeping
1.	Intake (Seats)	Minimum10, Maximum20
2.	Course structure	16 Credit
3.	Duration	3 Month's
4.	Fee Structure	10,000/-
5.	Coordinator of the program	Prof. Versha Sharma

- To Study the morphology of Honeybees and identification of different species and class of Honeybees. To Study different stages in life cycle of Honeybees. Bee-keeping Unite-
- · Handling of frames with colonies. Colony inspection, maintenance- writing up of infection report.
- Identification of queen cells drone cells and brood.
- · Steps for strengthening of colonies.
- Extraction of Honey using Honey Extractor. Method Extraction of wax, Royal jelly and bee venom.

Note:- The Training Program will not run, if the total number of registered candidate will be bellow ten.

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