

**Skill Development Programme**  
**on**  
**Bee keeping in oilseeds for increasing the productivity and income of farmers**  
**(21-23 December, 2022)**

ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research has conducted the skill development programme on “Bee keeping in oilseeds for increasing the productivity and income of farmers” during 21-23, December 2022. A total of 19 farmers, prospective entrepreneurs and FPO member from various districts viz., Siddipet, Karimnagar, Warangal, Rangareddy and Hyderabad of Telangana attended the skill development programme.

During the inaugural session, G.D.Satish Kumar, Principal Scientist and PI of the FPO project gave welcome address and highlighted the importance of bee keeping in oilseed crops. Participants interacted with the scientists of ICAR-IIOR regarding the crops grown and field level problems faced by them. Dr. M. Sujatha, Director i/c apprised about the value chain development in oilseeds for increasing the income of the farmers. The chief guest of the session Sh. D. Vamshi, Regional Director, NCDC discussed about the importance of FPOs, equity grant and the provisions of the Agricultural Infrastructure Fund.

As part of skill development programme, farmers were provided the exposure on oilseeds scenario in Telangana state, technologies for enhancing productivity of oilseeds, management of insect pests of oilseed crops and role of apiary in increasing productivity of oilseeds by various resource persons of ICAR-IIOR and Api Culture Technology Centre, PJTSU. The participants were given complete hands on training at Api Culture Technology Center (Bee Keeping), PJTSAU on rearing of bees, foraging behaviour of bees, role of bees in cross pollination and increasing the yields of oilseed crops, identification of queen bee, safety measures and risks involved in bee keeping. Field visits to Narkhoda and Rajendranagar farms and oil expeller units at ICAR-IIOR were organized for participants. In the concluding session Dr. R.K. Mathur, Director, ICAR-IIOR has highlighted the importance of adoption of technology for increasing the yield of oilseeds crops, which are predominantly grown under rainfed conditions. He stressed on the importance of commodity groups for input aggregation and improving bargaining capacity for output marketing. He expressed happiness about the youngsters coming into agriculture. Sh. P. Mallikarjun, Director, Rural Orchids India Pvt Ltd participated in the programme and assured to develop the required tie-ups for output marketing with the commodity groups.



Inaugural session of the training



Hands on training on Bee keeping



Distribution of certificates to the participants