

ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru organizing
'Training on Meliponiculture' to Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

A five-day training on Meliponiculture (Stingless bees) was inaugurated at the ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Yelahanka Campus, Bengaluru on June 25, 2024. The event was attended by twenty Indo Tibetan Border Police personnel from ten battalions across the country. Dr. S.N. Sushil, Director, ICAR-NBAIR Bengaluru, chaired the inaugural program, and emphasized the significance of pollinators in agriculture, particularly meliponiculture for producing high-value medicinal honey. He encouraged the ITBP participants to promote the benefits of pollinators and highlighted the facilities existing at ICAR-NBAIR for developing technologies related to pollinators, biocontrol and its compatible technologies for sustainable and eco-friendly agriculture.

During the event, a training manual on "Meliponiculture" was released to benefit the participants. Mr. Ramesh Chand, Team Lead from ITBP, lauded the expected benefits from the training. The training will cover both theoretical and practical aspects of meliponiculture, including the biology and behavior of stingless bees, hive designs, hiving wild colonies, colony division techniques, harvesting, value addition, and marketing of honey.

Dr. K. Subaharan, Principal Scientist and Head of the Division of Germplasm Conservation and Utilization, along with subject experts Drs. A.N. Shylesha and T.M. Shivalingaswamy, participated in the program. The training was coordinated by Dr. Amala Udayakumar, Senior Scientist (Entomology), and Dr. T. Prabhulinga, Scientist (Entomology).



Participants from ITBP with Dr.S.N.Sushil, Director, ICAR-NBAIR and staff members



Release of training manual on Meliponiculture



