# DINABANDHU MAHAVIDYALAYA

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> Add on Course On

Bee keeping

Department of zoology Dinabandhu Mahavidyalaya, Bongaon Session: 2021-22

## **OBJECTIVES**

- > The Complementary course was not adequate to meet the employability requirement of the students. The matter was discussed in the departmental meeting with Principal & IQAC coordinator and the board recommended to introduce an entrepreneurial skill development course for the students on the topic 'Bee Keeping' of 40hours duration, in Department of Zoology
- > Importance of bee keeping Provide bee wax which is used in many industries, including cosmetics industries, polishing industries, pharmaceutical industries etc.
- Plays an excellent role in pollinaton
- > Certificate will be provided by the College for the participants

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#### > Course Outcomes

- 1. Ilustrate the steps in beekeeping and management
- 2. Describe various steps in apiculture
- 3. Attain practical skill in keeping the bee hive and maintain bee colonies
- 4. Identify the role of beekeeping in enhancing women entrepreneurial skill
- 5. Understand the composition and applications of bee products
- 6. Describe the market value of bee products
- 7. Identify various products from honey bees
- 8. Understand the biology, morphology, species composition and social life of honey bees.

## > General Information and Course structure

- Duration: 40 Hrs
- Mode:Blended (Online+Offline)
- Entry Qualification: Hons. And General students of Zoology
- Language: Bengali/ English
- Venue: Dinabandhu Mahavidyalaya, Bongaon
- Starting Date: 21.08.2021

# Course Curriculum (40hrs)

#### Unit I (7 hrs)

- 1. History of bee keeping
- 2. Species diversity of honey bees
- 3. Pollination support through beekeeping -Role f honeybees in ecosystem
  - > Domestication of Indian bees and Italian bees
  - > Bee hives and peculiarities
  - > Capturing of bee colonies

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> Bee keeping equipments

#### Unit II (6 hrs)

- > Biology and social life of honey bees
- > Morphology and identification of Queen, drones and worker bees, cast system in honey
- > bees-family and cast, division of labor, bee dance and communication in bees
- ➤ Honey Bee biology-emerging of queen, swarming, mating, egg laying, life span
- > Collection of pollen by bees, morphological modifications modified legs, extraction of
- > pollen
- > Royal jelly and hormonal influence
- > Bee wax, wax glands
- > Nesting pattern of bees
- > Bee sting, bee venom, venom gland
- > Architectural design of bee hives, types of cells

#### Unit III (9 hrs)

- > Basic operational principles of bee colonies
- > Selection of location
- > Up keeping of bee colonies
- > Off seasonal management of bee colonies
- > Growth period management
- > Honey flow-seasonal management
- > Diseases and parasites of honey bees-control measures

### Unit IV (8 hrs)

- > Honey and its ingredients
- > Composition of honey, conversion of nectar to honey,
- > Economic importance of honey and other bee products
- > Medical value of honey, special properties and uses of honey, processing and value

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- > addition of honey
- > Bee wax and uses, extraction, purification, processing and value addition of bee wax
- ➤ Bee pollen and bee venom uses

## Unit V (6 hrs)

- > Marketing aspects of bee products
- > Role of Govt and Non-Govt agencies in promoting apiculture
- > Present status and future scope of apiculture as a small scale industry in Kerala
- > Present scenario and Scope of apiculture in India

## <u>Unit VI – Practical Session (4hrs)</u>

- > Identification of different casts in honeybees-Queen, drones and workers
- > Structure of honey comb-different type sf cells for queen, drones and
- > Morphological peculiarities of worker bees-Honey and pollen storage structures
- > Familiarize bee keeping instruments and bee hives

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Those who are interested may contact to the course coordinator for enrollment of their name.

Course Coordinator: Dipsikha Ghosh (Dept. Of Zoology)