

Bee Smart: Student Awareness Programme on Meliponiculture at ICAR – NBAIR

The ICAR–National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (ICAR-NBAIR), Bengaluru, organized a one-day Beekeeping Awareness Programme on 14th July 2025 for sixty students from Vishwa Vidyapeeth, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, under the “Jai Jawan – Jai Kisan” initiative. Dr. S.N. Sushil, Director of ICAR-NBAIR, emphasized the vital role of bees in pollination and their significance as ecological indicators. He also outlined the Bureau’s mandate in conserving beneficial insect fauna for sustainable pest management. Dr. K. Subaharan, Head, Division of Germplasm Conservation and Utilisation, spoke about the ease of domestication of stingless bees and introduced the concept of setting up a meliponary as a hobby for producing high-value honey. Dr. U. Amala, Senior Scientist (Entomology), educated the students on the identification, behavior, biology, and production systems of stingless bees. As part of the hands-on experience, the students visited the meliponary and received practical training in handling stingless bee colonies. To promote continued learning and engagement, three bee boxes will be installed within the school premises, with students taking responsibility for their upkeep and maintenance.



VVP School students at ICAR-NBAIR



Dr.S.N.Sushil, Director, ICAR-NBAIR addressing the students





Hands on training on meliponiculture to students at ICAR -NBAIR