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TECHNICAL SESSIONS, PLENARY LECTURES AND TECHNICAL TOUR

DAY-1 MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2026 :

SESSION/ TIME		PROGRAMME
SESSION-1 **11.30-13.00**	:	**BEEKEEPING TECHNOLOGY AND QUALITY PRODUCTION :** **NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND SUSTAINABLE BEEKEEPING PRACTICES AND INNOVATIVE BEEKEEPING TECHNOLOGIES** ***Chairpersons :*** **Shri. KESHAV D. KAMBLE,** Former Joint CEO, KVIC, Ministry of MSME, GOI, Mumbai and President, BIRD Foundation, Mumbai. **Prof. Dr. M.S. REDDY** former Chairman, Department of Zoology, Applied Genetics and Centre for Apiculture Studies, Bangalore University and Secretary General, BIRD Foundation, Bengaluru.
11.30-11.50	:	***Keynote Address by*** **Prof. Dr. O. P. CHAUDHARY**, Former Regional Director, CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Karnal, Haryana and Former Director of Beekeeping Industry, Mumbai and Ex-Director, CBRTI, KVIC, Pune and Vice President (Beekeeping Technology), BIRD Foundation, Karnal.
11.50-12.10	:	***Address by the Director, CBRTI on :*** **PRESENT STATUS AND FUTURE SCOPE OF BEEKEEPING DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA** **Dr. KIRAN UIKEY**, Director/Principal, Central Bee Research and Training Institute, Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India, Pune
12.10-12.30	:	**Plenary Lecture-1:** **FACTORS AFFECTING HONEY PRODUCTION :** **BEE HIVE TECHNOLOGY, HARVESTING AND PROCESSING METHODS, INFLUENCE OF AGROCHEMICALS, INTENSIFIED FARMING PRACTICES, NUTRITION AND HABITAT** *by* **Prof. Dr. HARISH KUMAR SHARMA**, Former Head, Dept. of Horticulture and Forestry Sciences Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticultural Science and Forestry Solan, Himachal Pradesh

SESSION-2 : **QUEEN REARING AND APITHERAPY:**
12.30-13.00 **MASS QUEEN REARING, ROYAL JELLY PRODUCTION AND APITHERAPY**

Chairpersons:

Dr. M. T. WAKODE, Former Deputy CEO and Director, CBRTI, KVIC and Vice President(Apiculture and Administration), BIRD Foundation, Pune

Dr. DAISY THOMAS, Former Deputy Director, CBRTI, Pune and Vice President (Apitherapy and Beekeeping Training) BIRD Foundation, Pune.

12.30-12.50 : **Plenary Lecture-2 :**
MASS QUEEN REARING AND COLONY MULTIPLICATION *by*
Prof. Dr. P. K. CHHUNEJA, Dean(Agriculture) Lovely Professional University, former Head, Department of Entomology, Panjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab

12.50-13.10 : **Plenary Lecture-3 :**
THE HEALING HIVE : COMPARING THE CLINICAL BENEFITS AND BIOMEDICAL USES OF BEE VENOM AND PROPOLIS *by*
Prof. Dr. H. R. BHARGAVA, Department of Life Sciences, Garden City University, Bengaluru

13.10-13.40 : **LUNCH BREAK**

13.40-14.00 **Plenary Lecture-4 :**
PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION ON APITHERAPY AND ITS APPLICATIONS *by*
Dr. AJOY KURUP, Expert Apitherapist, Keralam.

14.00-14.20 : **Plenary Lecture-5 :**
BEE VENOM AND ITS APPLICATIONS *by*
Dr. M. T. WAKODE, Former Deputy CEO and Director, CBRTI, KVIC and Vice President (Apiculture and Administration), BIRD Foundation, Pune.

SESSION-3 : **BEE FLORA AND POLLINATION :**
POLLINATION SERVICES AND AGRICULTURAL CROP PRODUCTIVITY

14.20-15.00 ***Chairpersons:***

Dr. K. LAKSHMI RAO, former Assistant Director, CBRTI, KVIC, Pune and Vice President (Bee Flora and other Bee Products), BIRD Foundation, Pune.

Prof. Dr. HARISH KUMAR SHARMA, Former Head, Dept. of Horticulture and Forestry Sciences, Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticultural Sciences and Forestry, Solan, Himachal Pradesh

Plenary Lecture-6 :
14.20-14.40 : **POLLINATION SERVICES AND AGRICULTURAL CROP PRODUCTIVITY** *by*
Prof. Dr. D. P. ABROL, Former Dean, Sher-E-Kashmir University of Agricultural Science and Technology, Jammu, J and K State.

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14.40-15.00 **Plenary Lecture-7 :**
POLLEN SUBSTITUTES AND COLONY DEVELOPMENT DURING DEARTH PERIOD *by*
Dr. K. LAKSHMI RAO, former Assistant Director, CBRTI, KVIC, Pune and Vice President (Bee Flora and other Bee Products), BIRD Foundation, Pune.

15.00-15.15 : TEA BREAK

SESSION-4 : BEE PRODUCTS :
15.15-16.15
DIVERSITY OF BEE PRODUCTS, VALUE ADDITION, HONEY QUALITY, PROCESSING, TESTING AND TRACEABILITY

Chairpersons:
Prof. Dr. VIKAS NANDA, Dean, Department of Food Engineering and Technology, Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology, Longowal-148 106, Distt. Sangrur, Punjab

Prof Dr. R. N. KENCHARADDI, Head, Department of Forest Biology and Tree Improvement, College of Forestry, Ponnampet Kodagu District, University of Agricultural Sciences, Mandya and Vice President (Bee Pollination and Colony Management), BIRD Foundation, Ponnampet, Kodagu.

15.15-15.35 : **Plenary Lecture-8 :**
DEVELOPMENT OF FUNCTIONAL FOODS FROM HONEY AND BEE POLLEN *by*
Prof. Dr. VIKAS NANDA, Dean, Department of Food Engineering and Technology, Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology, Longowal-148 106, Distt. Sangrur-148106, Punjab.

15.35-15.55 : **Plenary Lecture-9 :**
DIVERSITY OF HONEY AND ITS VALUE ADDITION *by*
Dr. DHANANJAY M. WAKHLE, Former Development Officer, CBRTI, KVIC, Pune and Vice President (Honey and Value added products), BIRD Foundation, Pune.

15.55-16.15 : **Plenary Lecture-10 :**
HONEY QUALITY, TESTING, PROCESSING, TRACEABILITY AND GI TAGGING *by*
Representative of FSSAI/AGMARK lab., New Delhi/Nagpur

SESSION-5 : PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION :

16.15-17.00 : **Mass queen rearing** *by expert members*
17.00-18.00 : **Royal jelly production** *by expert members*

Day-2, TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2026:

SESSION-4 **PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION :**

07.30-08.15 : **Bee venom extraction** *by expert members*

08.15-09.00 : **Bee propolis exraction** *by expert members*

09.00-09.30 : **Scientific honey harvesting** *by Expert Members*

SESSION-5 **BEE PESTS, DISEASES AND BEEKEEPING MANAGEMENT**

09.30-10.30 : ***Chairpersons:***

Prof. Dr. R. S. PANDIT, Former Head, Department of Zoology and Director, Skill Development Centre, Savitribai Phule Pune University and Vice President (Bee Research), BIRD Foundation, Pune.

Prof. Dr. S. DEVANESAN, Former Head, Department of Agricultural Entomology, Kerala Agricultural University, Trivandrum, Keralam.

09.30-09.50 : **Plenary Lecture-11:**
BEE PESTS, DISEASES AND THEIR MANAGEMENT *by*
Prof. Dr. N. NAGARAJA, Madan Mohan Malavia Human Resource Development Centre, Bangalore University and Treasurer (Bee Diversity, Pests and Diseases) BIRD Foundation, Bengaluru.

09.50-10.10 : **Plenary Lecture-12 :**
SEASONAL MANAGEMENT OF HONEY BEE COLONIES *by*
Prof. Dr. R. N. KENCHARADDI, Head, Department of Forest Biology and Tree Improvement, College of Forestry, Ponnampet Kodagu District, University of Agricultural Sciences, Mandya and Vice President (Bee Pollination and Colony Management), BIRD Foundation, Ponnampet, Kodagu.

10.10-10.30 : **Plenary Lecture-13 :**
WILD HONEY BEES AND SUSTAINABLE HONEY HARVESTING *by*
Dr. GOPAL N. PALIWAL, Secretary, Centre for Bee Development (CBeeD), Wardha and Executive Secretary (Wild Honey bees and Management), BIRD Foundation, Wardha, Maharashtra.

SESSION-6 **BEEKEEPING MANAGEMENT WITH *APIS CERANA* AND STINGLESS BEES**

10.30-11.30 : ***Chairpersons:***

Dr. DHANANJAY M. WAKHLE, former Assistant Director, CBRTI, KVIC and Vice President (Honey and Value added products), BIRD Foundation Pune.

Prof. Dr. N. NAGARAJA, Madan Mohan Malavia Human Resource Development Centre, Bangalore University and Treasurer (Bee Diversity, Pests and Diseases) BIRD Foundation, Bengaluru.

10.30-10.50 : **Plenary Lecture-14 :**
SUSTAINABLE BEEKEEPING WITH *APIS CERANA* IN SOUTH INDIA *by*
Prof. Dr. M. R. SRINIVASAN, Head, Department of Agricultural Entomology, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

10.50-11.10 : **Plenary Lecture-15 :**
RISE OF MELIPONICULTURE IN MAHARASHTRA AND OTHER STATES UNDER THE AEGIS OF KVIC *by*
Dr. DAISY THOMAS, Former Deputy Director, CBRTI, KVIC, Pune and Vice President (Apitherapy and Beekeeping Training) BIRD Foundation, Pune.

11.10-11.30 : **Plenary Lecture-16 :**
STINGLESS BEEKEEPING AND ITS MANAGEMENT *by*
Prof. Dr. S. DEVANESAN, Former Head, Department of Agricultural Entomology, Kerala Agricultural University, Trivandrum, Keralam.

11.30-11.45 : TEA BREAK

SESSION-7 COLOSS (PREVENTING HONEY BEE COLONY LOSSES)

11.45-12.45 : ***Chairpersons:***
Prof. Dr. O. P. CHAUDHARY, Former Regional Director, CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Karnal, and Former Director of Beekeeping Industry, Mumbai and Director, CBRTI, KVIC, Pune. Vice President (Beekeeping Technology), BIRD Foundation, Karnal, Haryana.

Prof. Dr. H. R. BHARGAVA, Department of Life Sciences, Garden City University, Bengaluru

Prof. Dr. M. R. SRINIVASAN, Head, Department of Agricultural Entomology, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

11.45-12.05 : **Plenary Lecture-17 :**
BIOLOGY AND CONTROL OF SMALL HIVE BEETLES *by*
Prof. Dr. PETER NEUMANN, University of Bern, Switzerland and President, **COLOSS** (Prevention of honey bee **CO**lony **LOSS**es), Bern, Switzerland

12.05-12.25 : **Plenary Lecture-18 :**
BEEKEEPING IN TURIYE AND DIFFERENT TREATMENT APPROACHES OF TURKISH BEEKEEPERS FOR HONEY BEE DISEASES *by*
Dr. ASLI OZKIRIM, Department of Biology, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey.

12.25-12.45 : **Plenary Lecture-19 :**
HONEY BEE BROOD MITES AND THEIR MANAGEMENT *by*
Prof. Dr. GEOFF WILLIAMS, Director, Auburn University Bee Centre, Albania, USA

12.45-13.30 : LUNCH BREAK

SESSION-8

13.30-15.00 :

BEEKEEPING INTERACTIVE SESSION

Chairpersons:

Dr. GOPAL N. PALIWAL, Secretary, Centre for Bee Development (CBeeD), Wardha and Executive Secretary (Wild Honey bees and Management), BIRD Foundation, Wardha, Maharashtra

Prof. Dr. D. P. ABROL, Former Dean, Sher-E-Kashmir University of Agricultural Science and Technology, Jammu, J and K State.

13.30-14.45 : **Beekeepers, Extension workers, representatives of Beekeeping NGO's with experts**

14.45-15.00 : **INTRODUCTION TO BASWANT HONEY BEE PARK (APITOURISM)**

Shri. SANJAY BHASKAR PAWAR, Chairman and Managing Director, Baswant Honey bee Park and Agricultural Garden, Green Zone Agrochem Pvt. Ltd., Nashik, Maharashtra

15.00-17.00 : **VALEDICTORY FUNCTION**

Concluding session which includes Award ceremony for Progressive Beekeepers, beekeeping innovative work etc., **State Madhu Mitra, Rashteeya Madhu Mitra, Best stall and Start-up awards** etc.,

Day-3, WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2026:

BEEKEEPING TECHNICAL TOUR TO BASWANT HONEY BEE PARK and GARDEN AS A PART OF APITOURISM (APICULTURE TOURISM)

Time		PROGRAMME
05.30-10.30	:	Departure from Pune to Nasik and reach **BASWANT HONEY BEE PARK** at 10.30 am
10.30-11.00	:	Breakfast
11.00-13.00	:	Start **WITH THE TECHNICAL TOUR, INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION**
13.00-14.00	:	LUNCH
14.00-16.00	:	Visit **BASWANT GARDEN AGRO-TOURISM CENTRE**
16.00-16.30	:	Tea Break
16.30-21.00	:	Leave Nasik and reach Pune and Halt.

ALL CORRESPONDANCE SHALL BE ADDRESSED TO
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