

## **Distribution of bee hive boxes to beneficiaries and a training programme on apiculture**

Under the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan of Central Government, Distribution of bee hive boxes and a training programme on apiculture was organized by ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur in collaboration with KVK, Mangaluru on 23.01.2020 at Hatyadka village, Belthangadi Taluk. The program was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Mrs. Divya Jyoti, President of Belthangady Taluk Panchayat. Dr. M.G. Nayak, Director, Dr. Eradasappa, E, Cashew Breeder and In-charge Extension Officer, Directorate of CaShew Research, Puttur, Dr. Mallikarjuna, Soil Scientist, Agriculture Science Center, Mangalore, Sri Dharmaraja A., Vice President, Arasinamakki Grama Panchayat were present.

In this program, about 30 farmers participated to take advantage of training on apiculture. Mr. Jayarama, a farmer from Hatyadka village, welcomed the guests and the farmers. Dr. Eradasappa, E, in his introductory address, stressed the importance of the program and said that beneficiaries will be provided with bee hive boxes and training on apiculture. Then, bee hive boxes were distributed to the beneficiaries by the guests.

Mrs Divya Jyothi, expressed her wish to make Hathiyadka village a model village in honey farming and wished the beneficiaries a great success. Mr. Dharmaraja A. considered that honey bee cultivation is a gift from God to human beings and urged the villagers to utilize the opportunity given to the beneficiaries in appreciation of the efforts of the Directorate of Cashew Research to make greater progress.

Dr. Mallikarjun, delivered a lecture on "Role and benefits of apiculture in improving the livelihood of farmers in enhancing the productivity of agricultural and horticultural crops". Mr. Ramanna who participated as a trainer on apiculture, gave a practical demonstration on how to cultivate produce honey.

The event was presided over by Dr. M.G. Nayak requested that the beneficiaries who received the bee hive boxes should cultivate properly and achieve financial stability in their lives. Dr. Mallikarjun presented vote of thanks.