

Visit to Apiary at Kondalrao palem, Eluru (Dt.), A.P. on 24-05-2024

Third year students at KL College of Agriculture, KL deemed to be university, Vaddeswaram undergoing B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture Programme registered the courses **Pests of Horticulture Crops and their Management and Beneficial Insects (21ENTO332)**. As a part of the course, we conducted visit to Apiary at Kondalrao Palem, Eluru (Dt.), Andhra Pradesh on 24-05-2024 (Friday). About 210 students and 8 faculties visited the Apiary at Kondalrao Palem. The main aim for the visit is to emphasize the student knowledge on the Apiculture. We started at 7:30 AM from Campus and reached Apiary by 11:00 AM. At first, we interacted with Mr. Mohammad Ali, Apiarist and a team of skill workers have divided the students into four batches and taken them into bee yard where they have shown the students regarding bee hives, appliances, bees and their cast systems, honey and its byproducts. Next the students were handled the bee frames and come to know the investments and profits in maintenance of Apiculture. Then the students interacted with the apiarist and skill workers and cleared their doubts regarding Apiculture. Next, we have completed the visit with a thank you note and break for lunch and started from Apiary by 2:00 PM.



Handling of *Apis mellifera* bee frames by III-year students with Apiarist



Close observation of three cast systems of *Apis mellifera* with protective measures

Outcomes of the visit:

- Students gained knowledge on apiculture and domesticated honeybees
- They have practically observed the handling of honeybees.
- The students have seen the cast systems
- The students gained knowledge on bee rearing, bee hives, transport, honey and other byproducts.

Vote of thanks: We faculty, KL College of Agriculture take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mr. Mohammed Ali, Apiarist and their staff, for giving permission to visit Apiary and also for explaining the students about various activities that takes place in Apiculture. We sincerely thank our director Dr. P Ratna Prasad and Head of the Department Dr. B. Balakrishna for their interest in arranging the visit, providing administrative permissions, arranging buses and lunch for the students. We wholeheartedly thank our KLEF management for providing necessary permission and transport facilities for the visit and making it grand success.