

# **Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology Pantnagar, District- Udham Singh Nagar (Uttarakhand)**

## **World Honeybee celebrated at Raj Bhavan**

Pantnagar. 20 May 2025. On the occasion of World Honeybee Day, an exhibition of beekeeping products was organized by various beekeepers of Uttarakhand and Krishi Vigyan Kendra of Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology in the premises of Raj Bhavan. Hon'ble of Uttarakhand Lt Gen Gurmit Singh (Retd) graced the occasion and observed the exhibition and interacted with beekeepers. The Governor appreciated their efforts and also encouraged them.

The Governor honoured the progressive beekeepers, namely, Mrs. Hema Tiwari of Bageshwar; Mrs. Bhavna Karki of Pithoragarh; Mrs. Champa Devi of Almora; Mrs. Rekha Chaudhary of Dehradun; Shri Ujjwal Saini of Haridwar and Shri Shekhar Chandra Bhatt of Nainital for their excellent work. Apart from this, scientists of the university were also honoured, which included Director Research, Dr. Ajit Singh Nain, Director Extension Education, Dr. Jitendra Kwatra, Joint Director Bee Research and Training Centre Dr. Pramod Mall.

Addressing the audience, the Governor said that Uttarakhand has received special blessings of nature in the field of beekeeping, which can be helpful in strengthening the economy of the state. He said that a revolution can be brought in the economic sector by promoting honey production, which will not only increase the income but will also create self-employment opportunities for the local people. He said that the medicinal properties of honey produced in Uttarakhand are different. We will have to make efforts to take the honey here from local to global. He said that there are immense possibilities of honey production in the state, which can be harnessed commercially to meet the global demand.

The Governor appreciated the research work done by Govind Ballabh Pant Agricultural and Technology University under the 'One University, One Research' program, which showed that it is possible to increase the current capacity of honey production in the state manifold. The Governor said that the university has established a bee research and training centre on 92 acres of land in its main campus, which is becoming an inspiration for other universities of the country. Along with this, the university has also signed an MoU with Slovenia, the world's leading honey producing country.

In the program, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr. Manmohan Singh Chauhan told that World Honeybee Day was celebrated for the first time under the guidance of the Governor. He told that under the 'One University, One Research' initiative, so far 750 farmers have been trained in beekeeping, which will further realize the vast possibilities in this field by providing training to hundreds of farmers. He also said that beekeeping is not limited to only honey production, but it also plays an important role in increasing agricultural productivity through pollination. On this occasion, the Director of Research of the University, Dr. Ajit Singh Nain gave detailed information about the program. Uttarakhand Technical University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Omkar Singh, Director Extension Dr. Jitendra Kwatra, beekeepers from various districts, Pantnagar University scientists and students from various universities were present in the program.