

Webinar on SWEET REVOLUTION AND ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT to celebrate World Bee Day (WBD) on 21 May 2020

The Govt. of India have approved a new Central Sector Scheme entitled “National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM)” for overall promotion and development of scientific beekeeping in mission mode to achieve the goal of “Sweet Revolution” in the country by giving thrust on capacity building & trainings, specific focus on women, input support for promotion & production, setting up of Integrated Beekeeping Development Centres (IBDCs), other Infrastructures for processing, value addition, market support, including collection, grading, trading, etc. centres, etc., setting up of honey testing labs, bee disease diagnostic labs, development of nucleus stock & bee breeders, digitization/ online registration, etc., & R&D under 3 Mini Missions (MMs)-MM-I, MM-II & MM-III. An amount of Rs.150.00 crores has been allotted for the year 2020-21 under the scheme. The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) is an Implementing Agency under NBHM.

2. To give wide publicity/thrust, to create awareness about scientific beekeeping & use of its products including honey, etc., and as supported by the FAO & endorsed by UN General Assembly, it was decided by the Deptt. of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, **Govt. of India to celebrate World Bee Day (WBD) every year on 20th May by making 2-3 days programmes.**

3. NCDC, in partnership with the Government of West Bengal, the Government of Uttarakhand, the National Bee Board and the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture Science and Technology, Kashmir organized a **webinar on “Sweet Revolution and Atmanirbhar Bharat” on the occasion of celebration of World Bee Day on 21 May 2020 at 11.30 AM.**

4. **Sh Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon’ble Agriculture & RD Minister, GoI** in his message congratulated the organisers for holding the webinar. **Dr Dhan Singh Rawat, Hon’ble Cooperation Minister, Gov of Uttarakhand** actively participated in the proceeding and spoke of the advantages of this activity to doubling farmers income.

5. The speakers were **Dr B. N. S. Murthy**, Horticulture Commissioner, Govt. of India, **Shri Ramesh D Vaidya**, National President Sahakar Bharati, **Prof Nazeer Ahmad**, Vice Chancellor, SK Univ of Agri ST Kashmir, **HE Tomio Schichri**, Representative, UNFAO, **Shri R Meenakshi Sundaram**, Commissioner Secretary, Gov of Uttarakhand, **Dr MV Rao**, ACS, Govt of West Bengal and **Shri Sundeep Kumar Nayak, MD, NCDC.**

6. Lt. Col Bikramjit Singh, Chief Director, LINAC, NCDC was the anchor and vote of thanks delivered by Smt. R. Vanitha, Chief Director, NCDC.