

HONEY MISSION

Keeping of honey bees is an interesting occupation and generates income at regular income in the rural areas. We were lucky to be introduced to a passionate farmer who installs honey bee hives and trains people in the rural areas- Mr. Mahadevan Nadesan. SMCNC invited him to set up as a start- up five honey bee colonies in five honey bee stands at SMCEPC, Thirupachur village on March 16th 2019.

Mr. Nadesan arrived early in the morning before sunrise transporting from Pondicherry five honey bee colonies in migratory cages and he then released the bees into the mango grove in SMCEPC, where the bees started settling.

From 9.30 a.m Mr. Nadesan gave detailed training on the various tools and equipment's needed to set up the bee hive on a stand and lock it down. HE showed the participants the different trays of bees and the different type of bees: queen bee, drones, workers, etc. The importance of cleaning and maintenance of bee hives. Extraction of honey and making of honey related products and so on.

Post lunch the participants then moved to the mango grove and when the trays were filled with sugar water the bees flew to sip and they were moved to the boxes. The bees supplied were the new sting-less variety. Mr. Nadesan concluded with the hope that he would be back within a month to harvest the honey.



Mr. Mahadevan Nadesan of Siva Sakti Honey bee farms from Puducherry, who trained participants at SMCEPC on March 16th 2019



The group at SMCEPC being trained on bee-keeping and honey extraction.



Sr. Sweety fmm and other team members happily hold up a piece of a honey bee comb in the garden.