



### **Trainers**

- **MR. T. K. RAVINDRAN (HORTICORP)**
- **MR. T. M. SUGATHAN (AVOLY GRAMA PANCHAYATH)**

**About Horticorp:** Kerala State Horticultural Products Development Corporation (Horticorp) is a fully owned Government Company under the Department of Agriculture, Government of Kerala. The Company is registered with the Registrar of Companies, Kerala on the 20th day of March 1989. Horticorp has been entrusted by the State Government with the role of procurement, processing, storage and marketing of Horticultural produces throughout the State, thus encouraging indigenous farmers to produce more vegetables and also prevent unreasonable price hikes.

### **Objective:**

- To develop entrepreneurship skills among students
- To make the students aware of the opportunities in apiculture industry

## TRAINING PROGRAMME ON APICULTURE

DATE	NUMBER OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATED
18-01-2018	110

### BRIEF REPORT

Apiculture is perceived as a hobby but often resilient livelihood – one that keeps people out of poverty. In rural communities where access to income is limited, small-scale beekeeping can contribute significantly to livelihood security. Apiculture and related trades tends to be underplayed in both policy and planning. In order to overcome the dearth of talented youngsters and encourage the students to take up apiculture as a hobby first, a seminar was organised on the topic by the Department of Botany. The meeting started by evoking the name of god. Dr. Sr. Tessy Joseph welcomed the gathering. Mr. Sugathan and Mr. Ravindran shared their expertise in beekeeping with the gathering. Mr. Ravindran demonstrated basic bee handling techniques with the students and also shared with the gathering various important uses of honey and other bee products. He also discussed about the technicalities involved in bee keeping as well as the various products isolated from bee culturing. Emphasis was on the use of apiculture as a mode of income in rural area as well as the advantages and methods of using honey and its derivatives. He also discussed about different schemes by government that provide subsidy to the bee keepers. A total of 110 students attended the meeting. The participants included under graduate students of the department. Students from Zoology and faculty members from other department were also in attendance. Ms. Jaiby Cyriac extended the vote of thanks to the gathering.







