

**Training on Bee keeping started today in Santirbazar sub-division**

A five day training programme on “Beekeeping for Livelihood Security” commenced on December 16 and will end on December 19. The training is being organized by Tripura Khadi and Village Industries Board in the Panchayat Samiti Conference Hall of Bokafa RD Block. 22 selected beneficiaries from Santirbazar Sub-Division have been registered for the training programme.

The main aim of the training programme is development of skill on different aspects of beekeeping. The training content will cover different rearing techniques of honey bees, management of their pests and diseases, swarm management, and harvesting/processing of honey. The trainees shall further be given technical knowledge about the ecosystem services of bees and their role in pollination particularly horticultural crops says one trainer.

The training programme was inaugurated by Member of Tripura Khadi and Village Industries Board Sambhu Manik. He deliberated on importance of beekeeping and urged the trainees to adopt beekeeping as an enterprise for their livelihood security. He said, “About 762 beneficiaries have been identified and selected for beekeeping training across the state”.

Santirbazar Municipal Council (SMC) Chairperson Swapna Baidya as guest of honour acknowledged that the youths have sufficient potential for self-reliance through beekeeping. She urged the organizer of the training programme to conduct more such trainings in future for self sustenance in rural areas. The resource persons as master trainer for the five day beekeeping training programme are Sajal Debnath from Melaghar and Ashish Narayan Majumdar of Jolaibari.

On the last day of the training programme, the beneficiaries will be provided with beekeeping materials like bee box, hive stand, bee veil, swarm catching net, honey extractor and honey preserve steel containers informed the master trainer. Bokafa RD Block BAC Chairman Gouri Shankar Reang and other officials were also present in the inaugural session of the training programme.

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