

Meet on bee-keeping

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A farmer-expert meeting was organised by the United Planters' Association of Southern India — Krishi Vigyan Kendra (UPASI — KVK) at Coonoor recently to update the knowledge of apiarists.

Mrs. Sabitha Dhengra, Additional Collector (Development) and Project Director of the hill area development programme said, the Government would extend all possible assistance to the farmers to take up bee-keeping. The meeting was attended by experts on bee-keeping from the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) — keystone, a group for eco-development and the members of Nilgiris Bee Keepers Association. The occasion was also marked by an exhibition

on various aspects of apiary.

The organisers said at present there were various agencies involved in studying improved methods of bee keeping. They also felt it was necessary to bring the various organisations together so that there would be a coordination. The second objective was to give an opportunity to farmers to seek guidance and clarification from experts on various aspects of improved methods of bee-keeping.

Dr. M. Gopalan, Director, Centre for Plant Protection Studies, TNAU and Mr. Pratim Roy, team leader of Keystone, Mr. Mogens Jensen, a Danish bee keeping expert, Dr. A. Ragupathy and Dr. M. Muthuraman of TNAU, spoke.