

**BEE-KEEPER'S TRAINING UNDER "HONEY  
MISSION PROGRAMME" CONCLUDES AT RAJ BHAVAN**

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The valedictory function of the Skill Development Programme in Bee-Keeping and Pottery was held at the Raj Bhavan today. While speaking on the occasion, the Governor, Dr (Smt) Mridula Sinha who was the Chief Guest expressed happiness that such a programme was conducted in the premise of the Raj Bhavan.

Dr (Smt) Mridula Sinha further said that those who have took part in the training programme should become ambassadors to the people around them so that they can encourage the people around them to engage in activities like Bee-Keeping and Pottery and Khadi production. Dr (Smt) Mridula Sinha said, "Some of these activities can be done from your home itself where you can earn and increase the finances of the home. But more than that it also gives happiness when you create something with your hands and when you can see instantly what you have created," said the Governor.

Dr (Smt) Mridula Sinha asked the people to take benefit from such training programmes.

Shri S.S. Tambe, State Director, KVIC, Goa, said that they were trying to popularise Khadi production in Goa and for that purpose they were identifying an ideal village for it in Goa where traditional artisans of the place can use it to gain for themselves employment as handicrafts have a huge potential in Goa, the state being a tourist place.

As per the initiative of the Governor to promote the Khadi and Village Industries activities in the rural areas of Goa State, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), functioning Under Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India, New Delhi launched a Bee-keeping(Honey Mission) Training Programme in Goa at the Raj Bhavan which was inaugurated by Dr Sinha on January 23.

Present on the occasion were Shri Rupesh Kumar Thakur, IAS, Secretary to Governor, Shri Narayan Sawant, Chairperson, KVIB, Goa, Shri S.S. Tambe, State Director, KVIC, Goa, Smt. Pushpalata Arlekar, CEO, KVIB and others.

A demonstration cum training center of New Model Charkha was set up at the Raj Bhavan on the occasion. Solar Pottery Wheels were also distributed to the traditional potters.

The Governor gave the participants certificates on the successful completion of the training. The training programme imparted to the participants knowledge on generating additional income by the sale of honey, wax and allied products, and also on cross pollination of the crops which will increase the yield of their crops, in addition to their regular agriculture income etc.