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IIC's Self Driven Activity
Visit to Honey Park – Community Business model, Joida
by PG Dept. of Botany & PG Dept of Environmental Science
1st February 2025, 11 AM – 2 PM





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A visit was conducted to an community based business model in Joida taluka of North Kanara district, by PG. department of environmental science and PG Department of Botany, GSSc College in association with IIC, on Saturday 1st February 2025.

Our resource persons Prof. Rahul Prabhukhanolkar (PG. Dept. Environmental Science) and Prof. Smita Chavan (PG. Botany) and Honey park managers explained the process of beekeeping, management, extraction, filtration and packaging of honey.

It is a community-based industry. Honey Park which has come up in a one and half acre land amidst dense forest in Kali tiger reserve, is more than just a park. The surrounding forest provides the right milieu for the bees to collect honey from a variety of flowers. The park holds all major five types of honey bees (*Apis mellifera*, *Apis dorsata*, *Apis cerana indica*, *Melipona irridipennis* & *Apis florea*) and more than 150 bee keeping boxes at the moment. The park also provides bee therapy and manufacture consumer items like honey bee soap, candle, bee was, honey chocolate, honey jam and much more. The park also exhibits honey bank which hold different varieties of honey from all over the world.

More than 18 students of post graduate and undergraduate departments, including IIC working committee members attended the visit.

The program coordinator for this event was Mrs. Smita Chavan and Mr. Rahul Prabhukhanolkar (Member, Working committee, IIC).