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### सूचना

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महाविद्यालयातील सर्व विभागप्रमुखांना सूचित करण्यात येते की, भारतीय स्वातंत्र्य दिनाच्या अमृत महोत्सव निमित्ताने १५ ऑगस्ट, २०२२ रोजी प्रत्येक विभागाच्या भित्तिपत्रकाच्या विशेषांकाचे प्रकाशन करावयाचे आहे. त्याचे नियोजन खालीलप्रमाणे करण्यात आले आहे.

- १. सर्व विभागांनी आपल्या विद्यार्थ्यांकडून चित्रे, मजकूर गोळा करून **सॉफ्ट कॉपी किंवा हार्ड कॉपीत** भित्तिपत्रक तयार करून १५ ऑगस्ट, २०२२ रोजी आपापल्या विभागात पाहुण्यांच्या हस्ते प्रकाशन व विद्यार्थ्यांकडून त्याचे ऑफलाईन किंवा ऑनलाईन सादरीकरण करून घ्यावे.
- २. या भित्तिपत्रकाचे नाव स्वतंत्र असावे. विशेषांक एखाद्या विषयाला वाहिलेला असावा. चित्रे-रेखाचित्रे वगळता इतर मजकूर टंकलिखितच असावा. कलर प्रिंट असावी. इंग्रजी फॉन्ट साईझ मजकूर १६ व हेडिंग १८ असावा; तर मराठी फॉन्ट (कोकिळा) साईझ मजकूर १८ व हेडिंग २० असावा. हस्ताक्षरातील मजकूर असल्यास अक्षरे सुवाच्य असावीत. मांडणी कल्पक असावी.
- अंकाची संगणकीय प्रत (सॉफ्ट कॉपी) PDF करावी व ऑनलाईन प्रकाशन समारंभात शेअर करून विद्यार्थ्यांकडून त्याचे सादरीकरण करून घ्यावे.
- ४. जर अंक ऑफलाईन काढणार असाल तर, प्रमुख पाहुण्यांच्या हस्ते त्याचे प्रकाशन व विद्यार्थ्यांकडून सादरीकरण करून घ्यावे. नंतर सर्व मजकूर व चित्रे यांचे नीट व क्रमाने फोटो काढून पीडीएफ स्वरुपात (soft copy) भित्तिपत्रक चेअरमन (anandsonu23@gmail.com) व IQAC (lokdebhagwans@gmail.com) ला मेल करावी.

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# THE AMAZING WORLD OF HONEY BEES





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### INTRODUCTION

Honeybees are social insects and live together in nests or hives. As they forage, bees perform the critical act of pollination. As a bee enters a flower to feed on nectar and gather pollen, some of the pollen sticks to the bee's body. When the bee flies on, it deposits some of that pollen on the next flower it visits, resulting in fertilization, allowing the plant to reproduce and to generate the fruits and seeds so many other wildlife species rely on as a food source. In fact, bees pollinate a staggering 80 percent of all flowering plants, including approximately 75 percent of the fruits, nuts, and vegetables.

# **SCIENTIFIC CLASSIFICATION**

**Kingdom: Animalia** 

Phylum Arthropoda

**Class: Insecta** 

**Order: Hymenoptera** 

Family: Apidae

**Genus: Apis** 

### **SPECIES OF HONEY BEE**

- 1. The Indian hive bee, Apis cerana indica (Apidae)
- 2. The little bee, Apis florea (Apidae)
- 3. The European or Italian bee, Apis mellifera (Apidae)
- 4. Dammerbee , *Melipona irridipennis* (Meliporidae)

### Rock bee (Apis dorsata)

They are giant bees found all over India in submountainous regions up to an altitude of 2700 m. They construct single comb in open about 6 feet long and 3 feet deep. They produce about 36 Kg honey per comb per year. These bees are the largest among the bees described.

### Little bee (Apis florea)

They build single vertical combs. They also construct comb in open of the size of palm in branches of bushes, hedges, buildings, caves, empty cases etc. They produce about half a kilo of honey per year per hive.

## Indian hive bee / Asian bee (Apis cerana indica)

They are the domesticated species, which construct multiple parallel combs with an average honey yield of 6-8 kg per colony per year. These bees are larger than *Apis florae* but smaller than *Apis mellifera*. They are more prone to swarming and absconding.

### European bee / Italian bee (Apis mellifera)

They are also similar in habits to Indian bees, which build parallel combs. They are bigger than all other honeybees except *Apis dorsata*. The average production per colony is 25-40 kg.

### **Dammer Bee**

Besides true honey bees, two species of stingless or dammer bees, viz. *Melipona* and *Trigona* occur in our country in abundance. The stingless bees have the importance in the pollination of various food crops. They bite their enemies or intruders. It can be domesticated. But the honey yield per hive per year is only 100 gms.

### LIFE CYCLE OF HONEY BEE

The 4 key stages are of the honey bee life cycle are:

1. Egg 2. Larva 3. Pupa 4. Adult

# Egg

An egg is laid by the honey bee queen in a wax, hexagonal egg cell. The egg is about the size of a grain of rice and initially stands upright in the cell, but falls onto its side by the third day. The honey bee queen may lay up to 2000 or 3000 eggs per day.

### Larva

After 3 days, the egg develops into a larva, which looks like a small white grub. It has no legs and is blind. Initially, all the larvae of worker bees are fed jelly for 3 - 4 days, after which, workers are fed on a slightly different jelly containing less protein

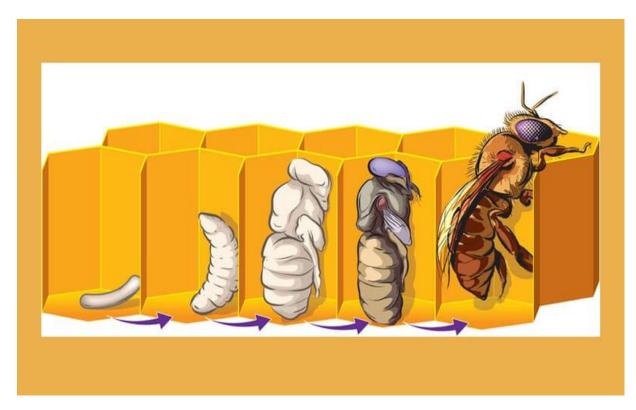
Whereas adult worker bees will feed on pollen and honey, a larva destined to be a queen is fed only on royal jelly and will continue to be fed on royal jelly throughout her life.

# Pupa

Inside the sealed egg cell, the larva begins to spin a cocoon around itself and pupate. During this phase, the larva develops into a recognisable bee, with wings, legs, head, thorax and abdomen.

### Adult

All in all, from the time the egg was laid, it takes new honey bee queens about 16 days to emerge from the egg cell, whereas worker bees require between 18 and 22 days to fully develop, and drones need 24 days.



# **CASTES OF HONEY BEE: Queen**

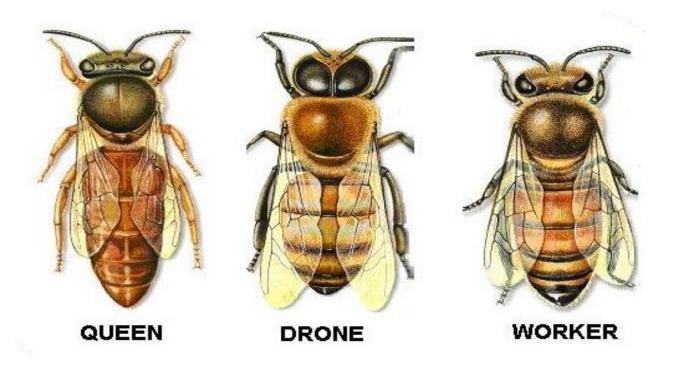
It is a diploid, fertile female. The presence of queen in a colony is a must. The queen lays about 1000 to 1500 eggs every day and lives a life of two three years. Queen lays both fertilized eggs (from which females develop) and unfertilized eggs (from which males develop).

## Worker

It is a diploid, sterile female. Their function is to collect honey, to look after young ones to clean the comb, to defend the hive and to maintain the temperature of the hive. The life span of a worker bee is 4-5 months but during hard working days they persist for five to six weeks only.

### **Drone**

It is haploid, fertile male. The males are larger than workers and are quite noisy. They are unable to gather food, but eat voraciously. The number of drones in a colony varies from 200-300, but during bad season they are driven out.

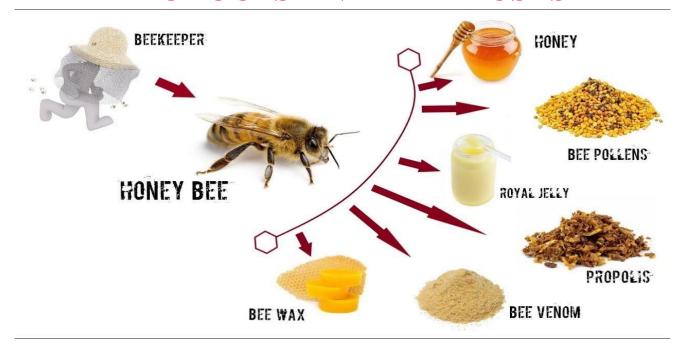


### **BEE HIVE**

The highest degree of nest construction among insects is found in bees. Comb hangs vertically downward, while cells are horizontal in position. The cells of the comb are of various types. The "Storage cells", which contains honey and pollen are generally built on the margin and at the top of the comb. The "brood cells", which contains the young stages, are built in the centre and the lower part of the comb. Brood chamber is further divided into three types, namely Workerchamber, where developing workers are reared; Dronechamber, where developing drones are reared and the Queen-chamber, which is larger than other and where the larvae developing into queens are reared.



## **BEE PRODUCTS AND THEIR USES**



# **HONEY**

Honey is a natural food made by the bee with nectar, pollen and other substances. It is considered nature's most completely nourishing food as it contains nearly all nutrients required by humans. Proteins, free amino acids, vitamin B complex and folic acids are someof the major nutrients found in honey.



### **BEES WAX**

The bees sweat wax out of four pairs of glands on the underside of their abdomens. The development of the wax glands depends on the pollen eaten by the young bees after they emerge from the cells. While producing and building with wax, the bees eat and digest a lot of honey.



### BEE POLLEN

Honey bees collect pollen from the stamens of flowers. Pollen contains lipids, essential oils, vitamin E (tocopherol), carbohydrates, peptides, short proteins or oligopeptides, amino acids, pantothenic acid, anthocyanins, carotenoids, flavonoids, ferulic acids and enzymes as well as many minerals such as iron, manganese, zinc elements.



### **ROYAL JELLY**

The young bees add secretions from glands on their heads to the ingested bee bread to make bee milk or royal jelly. The larvae of worker bees, drones and the egg-laying female (the queen) eat these products, which make them grow. It is secreted from the glands in the hypopharynx of nurse bees, and fed to all larvae in the colony, regardless of sex or caste



### **BEE BROOD**

Bee brood is made up of eggs, larvae and pupae in the comb The larvae and pupae are especially suited for consumption. Harvesting brood is bad for the development of the colony, so the larvae and pupae of drones are usually used because the colony is less dependent on them.



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## **PROPOLIS**

Propolis is made by bees out of tree gums, glues, waxes and resins. The bees bring them on their hind legs, just like pollen, to the hive. They mix them with their own wax and saliva. It is sticky, brown and fragrant. The bees use it to fill undesired holes or cracks in the walls of the hive and they polish their cells as protection for the future brood.



## **BEE VENOM**

The bee venom is made in the venom gland and is stored in a venom sac at the base of the stinger. Young bees have little venom. Their venom sac is not filled until their 15th to 20th day, when it contains about 0.3 mg of liquid venom. Bee venom dissolves in water but not in oil.



### **BEE BREAD**

Bee Bread is actually the main source of food for most larvae and bees. It is fed to all larvae except those that are selected to become queens; the queen larvae are fed royal jelly instead. Bees make bee bread out of the pollen that they have collected. The collected pollens are pressed into pellets with a small amount of honey and saliva. This undergoes biochemical processes caused by enzymes added through the bees' saliva and stomach fluids.









# D.P. Bhosale College, Koregaon Department of Zoology Wallpaper "Amazing World of Honey bees"

On 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022, Independence Day was celebrated by Department of Zoology by presentation of wallpaper on "Amazing World of Honey bees". This activity was organized to explore, encourage and imbibe the scientific attitude about Honey bees. It also helped students to think and work creatively for protecting life of Honey bees and to know more about importance of honey bees and to create awareness about protection of environment.

This wallpaper was inaugurated by the auspicious hands of Prin. Dr. V.S. Sawant, and Head, Department of Zoology, Dr. Mrs. S. P. Nalawade. Prin. Dr. V.S. Sawant addressed students about importance of Honey in daily food.

Then all staff visited to wallpaper and interact with students. Students took the advantage of this wallpaper and participated enthusiastically. The committee is thankful to all the members who have directly or indirectly contributed to this work and made this event successful.





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