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ATMA Gyalshing Organises Exposure Visit on Scientific Apiculture Practices for Farmers of Barfok GPU

Gyalshing, November 20 : The Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA), under the Department of Agriculture, Government of Sikkim, Gyalshing District, organised an exposure visit for farmers of Barfok GPU under Hee-Martam Block to the Apiculture Farm School, Gyalshing, on November 19, 2026.

The exposure visit aimed at familiarising farmers with scientific and sustainable practices in apiculture farming and highlighting its potential as a viable livelihood activity. During the programme, the farmers were oriented through presentations on scientific beekeeping practices, sustainable development of apiculture, its market potential and the associated financial and environmental benefits.

The session was followed by a hands-on learning experience at the bee farm, where farmers were introduced to practical aspects of apiculture. They were also familiarised with transparent beehives, which allow direct observation of bee activity and facilitate regular monitoring of bee colonies.

The programme was led by Bee Instructor, Mr Sushil Chandra Chettri, Horticulture Department, who guided the farmers through various aspects of apiculture farming.

The exposure visit concluded with an interactive question and answer session, during which farmers raised their queries and received clarifications on different aspects of beekeeping.

The initiative provided farmers with practical exposure and technical knowledge of apiculture, highlighting its potential for sustainable farming and livelihood generation.