

International Collaboration for SDG best practices:

Collaboration between the University of Poonch Rawalakot and the Institute of Agricultural Research, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, aims to contribute to the achievement of UN Sustainable Development Goals by jointly working on the application of *Apis cerana*, the native honey bee of the Himalayan region in Pakistan.

Honey is a nourishing substance rich in energy and antioxidants. It can be ingested on its own or utilized as a natural sweetener. The cultivation of honey and additional bee-derived products has the potential to enhance dietary variety and nutritional intake.

This project aims the promotion of honey production and consumption not only addresses nutritional aspects but also contributes to broader sustainable development goals, fostering environmental stewardship, economic development, and overall well-being.

Declaration of willingness

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I declare that I am willing to participate in Umer Sheikh'S project application on the management of *Apis cerana* (including predation and parasitism) native honey bee of Himalayan region of Pakistan.

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Sustainable Honey Beekeeping Practices for Biodiversity Conservation and Economic Empowerment

