## ACCESS OF LOCAL FARMERS AND FOOD PRODUCERS TO FOOD SECURITY KNOWLEDGE

The University of Poonch Rawalakot provides knowledge, skills and technology to the local farmers and food producers' whole year according to their needs. Our expert's efforts of free consultations, regular technical assistance helped local farmers to improve their small farms and household level. The expert faculty members are actively involved in various community services including free of cost services to small growers to address disease related issues of local farmers and to motivate them for the cultivation of different food crops.

## 1. WORKSHOP ON BEEKEEPING & HONEY EXRACTION

In the reported year 2023, Department of Entomology, has again arranged training workshops on Apiculture which can fetch many benefits to common people such as income generation, skill development, improved agricultural productivity and nutrition and food security. Different honey entities like royal jelly, beeswax, pollen, and even bee colonies can be marketed by individuals in rural or economically disadvantaged areas and small-scale farmers. The farmers, local community, students and faculty members were learned about practical skills related to beekeeping, such as hive management, handling bees, extracting honey, for their selfemployment opportunities.



Faculty members, students and community people engaged in honey bees keeping & the extraction of honey in the fields of UPR



## <u>TWO DAYS MUSHROOM TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR COMMUNITY</u> <u>FARMERS, FACULTY MEMBERS & STUDENTS</u>

In the reported year, 2023, another important event for farmers was organized at Faculty of Agriculture, regarding mushroom cultivation, production technology, marketing, spawn production at Rawalakot, AJ&K.

