

## **109 D. (3) Establishment of Non-Timber Forest Products Collection Enterprises (NTFPCE) processing centers at Mysuru and Koppa for tribal community**

### **Background:**

Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), Government of India and Schedule Tribes Welfare Department (STWD), Government of Karnataka sanctioned this project. KSCST is executing this project in coordination with the experts from CFTRI Mysore, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Indian Institute of Horticulture Research (IIHR), Bengaluru and Forestry College, Ponnampet, Kodagu.

### **Objectives of the project**

- To process the Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP) collected by tribal people in forest areas while ensuring a fair price for the products
- To protect the tribals from exploitation, other forest dwellers can sell at MSPs in the protected environment with assured return.
- Social safety and improvement of livelihood of tribal people by providing them a fair price and enhanced income level.
- To process raw materials locally and create the market.
- To establish a framework to ensure fair returns for the produce collected by tribals, assurance of buying at a special price with primary processing, storage, transportation, facilities, etc., while ensuring the resource base's sustainability.

### **Proposed activities**

1. Establish Honey, Amla and Sikakai (each 1000kg/day capacity) processing plants at Karnataka State LAMPS Co-operative Society Federation at Mysuru
2. Honey bottling plant and Sikakai processing plant at LAMP Society Koppa, Chikkamagaluru District

### **Progress: April – November 2024**

- Obtained the Amla Squash and Osmotic Dehydration of Amla technology licenses from Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR), Bengaluru.
- Completed the flooring for installation of Honey and Amla processing plants at Karnataka State LAMPS Cooperative Federation building at Mysuru.
- Commissioned the 1000 kg capacity Honey processing and packing plant at Karnataka State LAMPS Co-operative Federation at Mysuru and the plant is under trail run.
- Building renovation civil works are in progress at Koppa LAMP Society, the civil works have been entrusted to Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited (KRIDL). Government of Karnataka with a total cost of Rs.45.00 lakhs.

- Obtained the approval from the technical expert committee for Shikakai and Amla processing plants and Honey bottling plants to be installed at Koppa and Mysuru.
- Obtained the approval from the Project Implementation Committee to invite the tenders for installation of Shikakai & Amla processing plants and Honey bottling plants through e-procurement portal Government of Karnataka.



*Honey processing and bottling plant at Karnataka State LAMPS Cooperative Federation building, Hebbal Industrial Area, Mysuru.*

**Executive Committee: For Information**