

## UHF's apiculture centre declared best in country

- **Bagged first prize among 27 centres from across India**

The apiculture research centre of the Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry (UHF), Nauni, has been adjudged by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) as 'Best Research Center (2016-18)' in the country. The Department of Entomology of the university runs the Solan centre of the All India Coordinated Research Project on Honey bees and Pollinators AICRP (HB&P). This the second year in a row that the centre has bagged the award.



The award was given at the Biennial Group Meeting of AICRP (HB&P) organized by ICAR at the School of Agricultural Sciences and Rural Development, Nagaland University last week. Scientists from 27 AICRP centres from across the country participated in the meet and presented their work. Three scientists from the UHF centre; Dr Harish Kumar Sharma, Dr Kiran Rana and Dr Meena Thakur also attended the meeting.

Dr PK Chakravarti, ADG ICAR conferred the award at the plenary session of the workshop in the presence of eminent apiculturist and former national coordinators of the AICRP (HB&P) Dr RK Thakur and Dr RC Mishra. Dr RK Thakur, who is currently serving as the Joint Director (Communication) at UHF also delivered the lead lecture during the event.

The centre is engaged in research in diversified aspects of apiculture including managed honeybee pollination, bee botany, bee breeding, honeybee diseases identification and their management, and standardization of technology for hive products. This is the only centre in the country where bumblebee rearing and its utilization in protected cultivation has been standardized.