



Story of a Beekeeper

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Bees and Beehives has been part of my childhood and they still continue to be!

My Grandfather used to keep Bees (with excellent knowledge about the life of Bees, he taught me the basics); my Father also kept Bees and now, my daughter is the official [#Beek](#) in the family with few Hives of her own! Beekeeping is an excellent hobby, and you will get a good amount of honey too.

In 2020, the [#WorldBeeDay](#) Theme is "Save the Bees". During this time, we were in the lockdown phase, fretting about the Covid-19 virus hanging around and discussing about the overall situation not being good news to our Planet Earth and we must do something to change it for our survival and sustainability.

Bees encountered a similar problem few years ago with a virus that wiped out Apis Cerana Bee Colonies, the dominant species of Honeybee found in India. In Southern India, the European Honeybees faced Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD), then there came some sort of a parasite. To sum it up, Bees were in trouble!

Citizens all over were engrossed in installing mobile towers to ensure better data networks and connectivity and these towers and the radio signals emanated by them, is one of the prime suspects that affected the Honeybees ability to reach its Hive safe. Digital Signals disrupted the Bees million-year-old signaling system and the Bees could not find their way back home! If that was not enough, then our various pesticides killed millions of Bees across the World. Bees all over are already in serious trouble by the intrusion from humanity!

Bees are [#Pollinators](#) and wherever they are found, they are good indicators of a healthy ecosystem around. They are also the world's biggest pollination service providers that does not levy any money for their unique service to our Planet. Bees ensure that we are well-fed. 75% of our food crop plants depend on Bees for Pollination.

It is high time for humanity to change and ensure that we move forward remembering Sustainable Development Goals for this Planet and also ensure that we move towards the ["#One Health"](#) concept where we not only look at the health of people, but also ensure that our Planet itself is healthy for our survival. An atmosphere of Bees are good indicators of an environment free from pollution and pesticides.

The ask is not for all of us to become a Beekeeper or [#Beek](#), but rather a request to plant at least a Bee-friendly Plant in our backyards for the Bees. Bees are there in most of our urban areas including the most polluted cities of the country, where they struggle to survive. So, just go ahead and plant a Bee-friendly plant and watch-out for those buzzing Bees around the Flowers. There is no better time than this!

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