

## Kshaid Bee-keepers Industrial Cooperative

The Kshaid Bee-keepers Industrial Cooperative is located at a cluster called Kshaid, Nongtraw, Khrang, Mawshuid, Wah Sohra and other villages of Kshaid-Khatarshnong, forty nine kilometers from Sohra. It was registered in 1987 with the vision of community development and economic upliftment. Members are cultivators and bee keepers by trade. The co-operative gathers raw honey from wild bee colonies, then using traditional knowledge, process and purify the honey for consumption.

The co-operative began with almost no infrastructure and little technical knowledge. Bee-Keeping is done in a forest area where many flowering plants grow naturally; movable wooden frames with boxes are placed at such locations and the bees leave fresh honey sucked from flowers in the cells of honey-combs in the boxes to eat bee feed. When these cells are full of honey, the honey is extracted from these cells, and hermetically sealed by capping with wax. Extraction is done thrice a year. Freshly extracted honey is warm and easy to bottle. Present production is 100-200 Kg annually.



The joint effort of the co-operative and the population at large to keep the forest as isolated as possible for successful bee-keeping also safeguards the environment.



The co-operative's success has encouraged and motivated the villagers to take up bee-keeping for themselves. This in turn offers livelihood alternatives in the community members who collect the honey and sell it to the co-operative for purifying and bottling. This interdependence fosters a sense of economic security and growth in the community. The co-operative tries its best to empower women towards economic welfare and upliftment of families, individual members, and the community as a whole.

Name : Kshaid Bee Keepers Industrial Cooperative Society Ltd.  
Kshaid, Khatarshnong, Sohra

Year of Formation: 1987

Membership :	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
	09	06	15

Chairman : Shri. B. Buhphang

Secretary : Smt. J. Buhphang

Total Share Capital: ₹ 5,50,500

Business Turnover: ₹ 2,46,000

Working Result: ₹ 6,829