

**HEAVY INFESTATION OF LEAF CUTTER BEES ON THE LEAVES OF GOLDEN SHOWER PLANT, *CASSIA FISTULA* IN AND AROUND SOLAPUR CITY OF MAHARASHTRA STATE**

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**ABSTRACT:** The present study reports infestation of leaf cutter bees to the leaves of *Cassia fistula* in and around Solapur City of Maharashtra State. Three species of leaf cutter bees were associated. These bees belong to the genus *Megachile* and all bees preferred tender and succulent leaves (85%) on all the plants. The maximum frequency of visits of the bees was in the morning and evening and very few during afternoon session.

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