

NABARD & a-IDEA jointly organized State Level Millet Programe at ICAR-NAARM

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NABARD organized State Level Millet Conclave at ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad on 10 March 2023. The objective of the event is to commemorate the International Year of Millets – Promotion of Farmer Producer Organizations and Multi Stakeholder Approach for promotion of millets based products. About 300 participants covering FPOs, Farm Women, Scientists, Startups, SHGs were attended the conclave.



Smt. Suseela Chinatala, CGM, NABARD in her welcome address highlighted various NABARD's interventions on millets being implemented across rural landscape of India.

Dr. Ch Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM during his presidential address appreciated NABARD for organizing the conclave with the support of a-IDEA, TBI of ICAR-NAARM to promote millets in the State. He suggested the farmers to come together in the form of FPO to have better price for their produce. He stressed the importance of taking the millet in schools for increasing the consumption of minor millets.

Dr. C Tara Satyavathi, Director, IIMR addressed the nutritional benefits of millets and issues in the millet value chain. She also highlighted the work done by IIMR in evolving high yielding varieties of millets.

Dr. Praveen Rao, Former Vice Chancellor of PJTSAU indicated that popularization of millets requires a multiple stakeholder to come together. He urged that there is a need to take efforts to make these Climate Smart crops as income smart.

Dr. Venkata Ramana, Director (Research, PJTSAU) shared that millets production has been facing various hurdles for ages and encouraged farmers and the participants to grow millets.

Two technical sessions on millet promotion, awarding ceremony for farmers and farm women and about 25 exhibition stalls of millet based products, millet lunch were the highlights of the conclave.

