



INSTITUTE OF FOREST BIODIVERSITY (IFB), HYDERABAD

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A report on Celebration of International Year of Millets program at IFB, Hyderabad.

United Nations has declared the year 2023 as the International Year of Millets (IYM). The year 2023 will be extensively used to explore and promote the value and numerous benefits of millets for farmers, consumers and the planet. The Government of India is at the forefront of celebrating the IYM 2023 through campaigns, events, programs and festivals aimed at making IYM 2023 a 'People's Movement'. As a part of this program Institute of Forest Biodiversity (IFB), Hyderabad organized a program on 17.01.2023. A total of 25 Officers/Scientists/ Staff participated in this program.

Shri E. Venkat Reddy, IFS, Director, IFB gave the welcome address and inaugurated the program IYM-2023. In the inaugural session, the Director of IFB welcomed the Chief Guest Dr. B.M.K. Reddy, Chairman of Andhra Pradesh State Biodiversity Board (APSBB) and delegate Shri Subarmanayam, Advisor, Centre for Innovation in Public Systems (CIPS), Hyderabad. He also highlighted the importance of IYM-2023, Global scenario of millets, Verities, production & yield of millets in India, Steps taken for promoting millets in India, Nutrition and health benefits, Value-addition, processing & recipe development, Entrepreneurship, Start-ups, Awareness Creation-Branding, labelling & promotion, Millet export promotion, Activities by the states and outreach mechanism, Mass awareness, etc.

Dr. B.M.K. Reddy, Chairman, APSBB, Chief Guest spoke on the relevance of Food security, Famines in the world & codes, Impact of rail transport, Famines in India, Protein deficiency, Malnutrition, Local beliefs, Indian agriculture development, Policy influences, Green revolution, NABARD, Importance of IYM-2023 and role of Sustainable development goals (SDG), International outreach, Enhancement of production & productivity of millets, Collective development, Domestic outreach, Food festivals, Policy interventions, etc.

The program was concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri E. Venkat Reddy, IFS, Director and he also highlighted the future activities under IYM-2023. The overall program is coordinated by Shri E. Manikanta Reddy, Technician, Extension Division.

Glimpses of the programme



