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IIMR Organized Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) awareness programme

The ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR), Hyderabad, organized a programme on **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)** on 2nd August 2025 as part of the nationwide event. The programme was aimed to raise awareness among farmers about the benefits and objectives of the PM-KISAN scheme and to highlight the government's continued commitment to ensuring direct financial support to small and marginal farmers. A total of 50 farmers from various districts of Telangana participated in the event. The live telecast of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's address



under the PM-KISAN initiative was arranged at the institute, which the participants attentively viewed. A total of 23 FPOs and 1800 farmers from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana virtually participated in this event. The programme emphasized the importance of the PM-KISAN scheme in enhancing farmers' income, promoting agricultural sustainability, and encouraging the adoption of improved technologies and practices. The programme also created awareness among farmers about the role of ICAR-IIMR in promoting millet-based livelihood opportunities. This programme was coordinated by Dr A Srinivas and Dr. RR Chapke. The virtual event with participation of FPOs were organized by Dr. Sangappa, Dr. Rafi, Abbuseath, Anup, Kailashnath, and K. Chandhini, ensuring active involvement of all stakeholders.

ICAR-IIMR conducted VKSA Rabi Campaign Meeting for Telangana

ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research (ICAR-IIMR) conducted a meeting on Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA)



Rabi campaign on 29th August 2025. As the Nodal Officer for Telangana State, Dr. C. Tara Satyavathi, Director, ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research (ICAR-IIMR) chaired the meeting.

The meeting focused on planning and coordinating outreach and extension activities for the upcoming Rabi season under the VKSA initiative, which aims to enhance farmer awareness, promote climate-resilient

agriculture, and ensure widespread adoption of best practices. Key stakeholders from agricultural departments, KVKs, and research institutions participated in the discussions. Strategies for effective implementation, state-level targets, and convergence of efforts across departments were deliberated.

IIMR commemorated the centenary birthday of Prof MS Swaminathan

Institute commemorated the centenary birthday of Bharat Ratna Late Prof MS Swaminathan on 6th August, 2025 with all the scientists and technical staff joining in the meeting to remember and cherish the life, works,



laurels and vision of the father of green revolution and a pioneer agriculture scientist Prof Swaminathan. Drs. Venkatesh Bhat and Rajendra Chapke spoke on the occasion. Director Dr. C Tara Satyavathi launched the souvenir on the theme "Hunger Free India in Achievable" published by the Society for Hunger Elimination, dedicated to Prof Swaminathan. She spoke on her encounters and interactions with Professor and the concern he had for millets and IIMR in relation to benefitting the farmers. The event was coordinated by Dr Venkatesh Bhat.

Independence Day Celebrations at ICAR-IIMR

The 79th Independence Day was celebrated at ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research (ICAR-IIMR), Hyderabad on 15th August 2025 with patriotic fervor. Dr. C. Tara Satyavathi, Director, ICAR-IIMR, hoisted the



national flag and addressed the gathering. In her speech, she paid tribute to freedom fighters and emphasized the institute's role in promoting millet research and contributing to national food and nutrition security. Staff and students participated in the celebration, which included cultural performances and patriotic songs. The event concluded with a vote of thanks.

Tribal Farmers of Madhya Pradesh Visit IIMR

A group of Tribal farmers from Athner block, Betul district of Madhya Pradesh visited ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR), Hyderabad on 18th August 2025. During the visit, Dr. Sangappa, Senior Scientist, ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad interacted with farmers and explained the improved millet production technologies at the Millet Cafeteria and showed the high yielding millet cultivars developed by ICAR-IIMR. He explained the advanced millet cultivation practices of kodo, little



and sorghum which are cultivated extensively in Betul district. Dr. Rafi took farmers to Shree Anna Processing and Training Unit, where they learned about the primary processing techniques and value added opportunities. Furthermore, they were taken to the Nutrihub incubation facility center for linking farmers to startups. Dr. Sangappa, Senior Scientist (Agri. Extension) & Principal Investigator, FPO Projects, Dr. Rafi, FPO Project team coordinated this visit.

Collection and conservation of traditional Finger Millet Germplasm for establishment of community seed bank

The Odisha Millet Mission Project Team of IIMR consisting of Dr. K. Srinivasa Babu, Senior Scientist, Dr. K. N. Ganapathy, Principal Scientist, and Dr. Sangappa, Senior Scientist, visited Odisha on 12th August 2025 to explore the opportunity of establishing a millet community seed bank for conserving indigenous millet varieties. During this visit, the team collected



traditional finger millet (ragi) landraces Germplasm known as *Sila Mandia*, *Bado Mandia*, *Bari Mandia*, and *Kadli Mandia*, from Nabarangpur which are grown and conserved by tribal communities in the region. These landraces are valued for their resilience to drought, tolerance to pests, adaptability to local conditions, and superior cooking quality, representing the rich millet heritage of the region. The landraces will also be evaluated at IIMR for agronomical and nutritional traits and will also be conserved in ICAR-IIMR Gene bank. Establishing a community seed bank will enable access to quality seed for farmers, strengthen millet seed security, preserve traditional knowledge, and support future crop improvement and breeding efforts for climate resilience and food security.

Credit Seminar for the M.Sc. Entomology students

The Credit Seminar for the M.Sc. Entomology students of the academic year 2024–25 was successfully conducted on 4th August 2025 at the IIMR Conference Hall. This academic activity is a vital part of the postgraduate curriculum, aimed at enhancing students' knowledge, research aptitude, and presentation skills. A total of five students presented seminars on contemporary and emerging topics in the field of



Entomology. The event was attended by faculty members, researchers, and students from the department. Constructive feedback was provided to the presenters, encouraging further research and clarity in communication.

Meeting of Official Language Implementation Committee

The 74th meeting of the Official Language Implementation Committee (OLIC) of the Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad was held on 29 August, 2025. The meeting began with a formal welcome address by Dr. (Mrs.) C. Tara Satyavathi, Director, IIMR & Chairperson of OLIC. The other members Dr. B Venkatesh Bhat, I/c PME cell; Dr. A Kalaisekar, I/c, IT; Dr. Jinu Jacob, OIC, Hindi Cell; Dr. Soogana, OIC, Library, Smt. Ritu Dalal, SAO, Shri Shaik Rukman, FAO; Shri Shivaprasad Perumalla. AO and Member Secretary, Dr. Mahesh Kumar, ACTO (OL) were present during the discussion. During the meeting, various

topics presented by the Member Secretary were discussed and decisions were taken that Hindi Chetana



Maas should have celebrated during 14 Sep to 13 Oct 2025. The meeting concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Mahesh Kumar.

Invited Lecture on Entrepreneurship opportunities and skill development in Millets

Dr. Sangappa, Senior Scientist, ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR), Hyderabad, delivered a session on "Entrepreneurship Opportunities and Skill Development in Millets" during online webinar organized by MANAGE, Hyderabad on 26th August, 2025. In his lecture, Dr. Sangappa highlighted the vast potential of millets in processing, value addition, product diversification, branding, and marketing of millet-based products. He also covered skill development aspects including capacity building, business planning, and linking farmers and youth to incubation and support programs facilitated by ICAR-IIMR and other institutions.

Superannuation

Dr. D M Bahadure superannuated as Assistant Chief Technical Officer (T-7-8) on 31 August 2025. He served this institute for 29 years in various capacities. Staff Recreation Club organized a farewell. Dr Tara



Satyavathi, Director, IIMR felicitated him with a shawl and presented a token memento. The staff of IIMR wished him a healthy and happy life ahead.

Execution of Memorandum of Agreement / Understanding

Date of Agreement	Second Party	Purpose of MoU
01.08.25	Germanten Healthcare, Hyderabad	Providing medical facilities to IIMR Staff as per the CGHS tariffs



Trainings organized

S. No.	Title of training	Sponsoring agency	Dates	Duration	Number of Participants	Category of Participants
1	Latest Advances in Millets Production, Processing & Value Addition	Andhra Pradesh Natural Farming Rhythu Sadhikara Samstha	28 July to 01 August 2025	5 days	33	Farmers. Entrepreneurs and Extension workers
2	Emerging trends in Millets Production, Processing & Value Addition for Scheduled Caste farmers	SCSP GCoE, ICAR-IIMR	2-3 August 2025	2 days	50	Farmers

Meetings & Conferences attended by Director

S. No.	Name of Employee	Title of the meeting / Workshop	Organized by	Venue / Place	Online / Physical	Dates
1	Dr. C Tara Satyavathi	49 th Foundation Day celebrations of ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad.	ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad.	ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad	Online	01.08.2025
2	Dr. C Tara Satyavathi	PM Kisan Samman Nidhi meeting.	IASRI, New Delhi.	IASRI, New Delhi	Online	01.08.2025
3	Dr. C Tara Satyavathi	Prof. M.S. Swaminathan Centenary International Conference "Evergreen Revolution – The Pathway for Biohappiness" during 7-9 August 2025 at NASC, New Delhi.	MS Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai.	NASC, New Delhi.	Physical	07.08.2025
4	Dr. C Tara Satyavathi	EFC preparation meeting called by the PIM Section	ICAR, New Delhi	ICAR, New Delhi	Physical	08.08.2025
5	Dr. C Tara Satyavathi	Inaugural program of 115 th FOCARS program of the Academy at ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad.	ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad.	ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad	Physical	11.08.2025

Meetings & Conferences attended by Director

6	Dr. C Tara Satyavathi	National Workshop on "Transforming Food, Land, and Water (FLW) Systems to Combat the Climate Crisis with a specific focus on Karnataka State	ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation Research Centre, Ballari.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation Research Centre, Ballari.	Online	13.08.2025
7	Dr. C Tara Satyavathi	Untapped opportunities in India-Oman trade relations	Embassy of India, Muscat (Oman)	Embassy of India, Muscat (Oman)	Online	14.08.2025
8	Dr. C Tara Satyavathi	Stakeholder consulting workshop on 'Transforming Food, Land, and Water (FLW) Systems to Combat the Climate Crisis' organized by ICAR-CRIDA, Hyderabad.	ICAR-CRIDA, Hyderabad	ICAR-CRIDA, Hyderabad	Online	18.08.2025
9	Dr. C Tara Satyavathi	Selection of opportunity crops for the implementation of the Power of Diversity Funding Facility	M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation and the Crop Trust.	Sambasivan Auditorium, MSSRF, Chennai	Physical	19.08.2025
10	Dr. C Tara Satyavathi	64 th All India Wheat and Barley Worker's Meet jointly organized by RVSKVV, Gwalior and ICAR-Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research, Karnal at RVSKVV, Gwalior.	RVSKVV, Gwalior & ICAR-Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research, Karnal.	RVSKVV, Gwalior	Physical	26.08.2025
11	Dr. C Tara Satyavathi	Telangana State on Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA) Rabi campaign meeting.	ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad.	ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad.	Physical	29.08.2025
12	Dr. C Tara Satyavathi	Inauguration of Gurukul Hostel building of Ekalavya Gram-eena Vikas Foundation at Vikarabad.	Ekalavya Grameena Vikas Foundation		Physical	31.08.2025

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