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Farmer-Scientist Interface Unites for the Launch of PM-Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana and Pulses Mission

ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR), Hyderabad, organized a nationwide Farmer-Scientist Interface and Millet Promotion Meet on 11th October 2025, coinciding with the launch of the Prime Minister Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) and Mission Aatmanirbharta in Pulses. The program witnessed the gracious presence Shri. Konda Vishweshwar Reddy Member of Parliament (MP) for Chevella, Telangana, Dr.C. Tara Satyavathi, Director, ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad along with the active participation of Scientists, farmers and FPO members across multiple states both onsite and virtually.



A total of 1,992 farmers took part in the event, including 672 members from Karnataka FPOs and 1,020 farmers from Andhra Pradesh FPOs promoted by ICAR-IIMR, who joined virtually, while 300 farmers from Telangana and neighbouring states participated in person at IIMR, Hyderabad. The commitment of the government to agricultural transformation was highlighted during the live telecast of the Prime Minister's address. Interactive sessions on millet technologies and precision agriculture were coordinated by Dr. Sangappa, Dr. Rafi, and Mr. Prashanth.

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Vigilance Awareness Week 2025

As per the directions of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) and ICAR, Vigilance Awareness Week was organized at ICAR-IIMR from 27th October to 2nd November 2025 under the theme "Vigilance: Our shared responsibility". The observance commenced with the taking of an integrity pledge on 27th October, 2025, at 11:00 AM. Pledges were similarly taken at the regional stations in CRS Solapur and Gudamalani. Different competitions, including essay writing, elocution, quizzes, and poster presentations, were held to enhance awareness and a sense of responsibility among the staff.



In addition to office programs, vigilance awareness programs were conducted in schools and gram sabhas. An awareness program was organized on 29th October, 2025, for the students of Spring Fields High School, Rajendranagar. Awareness on the importance of the week, measures to eradicate corruption, and the role of vigilant citizens was narrated by the scientists of IIMR. A joint program was conducted by ICAR-IIMR Hyderabad and Palamuru Vegetable Farmer Producer Company Limited on 31st October, 2025, at Tankara Village to promote ethical conduct among FPO employees and farmers.

The valedictory program was conducted on 3rd November 2025, during which the Director briefed the employees on measures taken to enhance transparency and emphasized the need for discipline in working.

Transforming Perspectives: Meghalaya Officers Witnessed Millet Innovations at ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad

As part of an induction training program organized by MANAGE, a one-day exposure visit was organized for



newly recruited Meghalaya Agricultural Service Officers on 6th October 2025. An insightful presentation was delivered by Dr. Sangappa, Senior Scientist, regarding IIMR's vision in research, nutritional security, and the strengthening of the millet value chain. Through interactive discussions, it was illustrated how millet-based systems enhance farmer resilience and soil health. The importance of post-harvest technology was explained by Dr. Rafi at the Shree Anna Processing and Training unit. The session served to inspire participants to perceive millets as strategic instruments for climate-smart agriculture.

Strengthening Millet Value Chains through Entrepreneurship in Odisha

To strengthen millet value chain and promote millet entrepreneurship in Odisha, a four-day intensive training program on the adaptation of post-harvest and processing technologies was organized by IIMR from 7th to 10th October 2025 for 24 stakeholders under the aegis of Odisha Shree Anna Abhiyan. The inaugural



session was graced by Dr. C. Tara Satyavathi, who highlighted the importance of post-harvest management. Participants were introduced to millet production and post-harvest technologies, primary and secondary processing techniques, and value addition opportunities.

Special focus was given to modern processing equipment, packaging innovations, branding strategies, and market linkage development to empower FPOs and rural entrepreneurs. Hands-on training was provided at the Nutrihub unit, followed by a visit to the Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP). The program was facilitated by a team including Dr. Sangappa, Sh. K. Srinivasa Babu, Dr. Sooganna, Dr. KN Ganapathy, Dr. Rafi, and Ms. Monalisha.

Millets Take Center Stage: ICAR-IIMR FPOs Steal the Spotlight at SARAS Mela 2025

Millets took center stage as ICAR-IIMR FPOs participated in the SARAS (Sale of Articles of Rural Artisans Society) Mela 2025 at Vizianagaram from 28th September to 8th October 2025. The event served as a platform for rural artisans and women entrepreneurs to showcase their products. Special attention was drawn by the stalls of IIMR-promoted FPOs, which featured live demonstrations of value-added millet products. Experiences regarding membership mobilization and collective farming were shared by FPO representatives with over 2,000 visitors. Feedback on product quality

and branding was received, strengthening market linkages and entrepreneurial confidence.

UAS Mandya & ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad Collaborative Program to empower Scheduled caste Farmers of Mysore Region

A collaborative program was organized by UAS Mandya and ICAR-IIMR to empower SC farmers of the Mysore region. The event was jointly organized under the SCSP component of AICRP-Sorghum & Millets. Entrepreneurship development was promoted, and the importance of millets in addressing malnutrition was highlighted by Dr. K.M. Harini Kumar and Dr. Sangappa. Quality seeds and tarpaulins were distributed to 50 farmers, and a Kannada publication on millets was released.

Swachhata Hi Seva to promote cleanliness and awareness among School students

Swachhata Hi Seva was conducted to promote cleanliness among school students at Government High School, Rajendranagar. Participation was noted from 900 students and staff in the cleanliness drive. The message of hygiene was integrated with the importance of millets for nutrition. Responsibility was instilled among students, who were encouraged to view Swachhata and Poshan as shared responsibilities.

Helping hand to Flood affected families of Taratgaon, Ta: Mohol, Dist: Solapur

A helping hand was extended to flood-affected families in Taratgaon, Solapur. Due to heavy floods in the Seena River, thousands of acres of land and livestock were damaged. Social responsibility was shown by the Agriculture Graduate Group of N Series Batch (1989-1993), of Shri Shivaji Agricultural College, Amaravati under DPKV, Akola who raised funds for the affected families. Useful items and kits worth Rs. 1500 were distributed to 50 families. Assistance in organizing the program was provided by Dr. Baswaraj Raigond and his team.

Training Programme for Scheduled Caste (SC) Farmers at CRS Solapur

The ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Regional Station, Solapur, successfully organized a **One-Day Training Programme for Scheduled Caste (SC) Farmers** on "Adoption of Millet Technologies Across Diverse Agro-Ecological Regions" on **28th October 2025** under the **Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP)** programme of the **Global Centre of Excellence on Millets (Shree Anna)**.

The program was inaugurated by Dr. K. B. Koth, Project Director, ATMA. A welcome address and overview were provided by Dr. Parashuram Patroti.

Participation included 35 farmers who attended sessions on profitable millet production and processing. A practical "Know Your Millets" session and a Farmer-Scientist Interface were included. Tarpaulins and certificates were distributed during the valedictory session graced by Dr. Nitinkumar Ranshur. Positive feedback was received regarding the training's impact on grassroots value addition.

Make Your Campus Healthy Campaign

The National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), an apex body under the Ministry of AYUSH, organized an interactive awareness session at ICAR-IIMR on 10 October 2025 under the "Make Your Campus Healthy Campaign." The programme focused on promoting a healthy



lifestyle through healthy eating habits and better sleep practices based on Ayurvedic principles.

Experts from NIA Dr. Punit Chaturvedi, Assistant Professor highlighted the importance of balanced and mindful eating, the benefits of incorporating nutritious foods such as millets, and the need to follow seasonal and body-type-based dietary practices. They also emphasized the role of adequate sleep in maintaining mental and physical well-being. The session included discussions, practical tips, and an interactive Q&A segment, receiving an enthusiastic response from staff. The event successfully encouraged the ICAR-IIMR community to adopt simple, holistic, and sustainable lifestyle practices for improved health and productivity.

Promotion of Shri. Ashok Limbore

ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research (ICAR-IIMR) congratulates **Shri A. R. Limbore** on his promotion from **Assistant Chief Technical Officer (ACTO)** to **Chief Technical Officer (Field/Farm)** w.e.f. **28th August 2024**. The Institute appreciates his dedication and wishes him continued success in his new role.



New Scientist Joined at IIMR RRS, Gudamalani

Dr. Somanath Nayak, Scientist (Agronomy), has joined the ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research (ICAR-IIMR), Regional Research Station on Pearl Millets, Gudamalani, Barmer, Rajasthan, with effect from 28

October 2025 (Forenoon).

Dr. Nayak's joining is expected to strengthen the agronomic research and development activities of the station, particularly in the area of pearl millet improvement and sustainable millet-based farming systems in arid and semi-arid regions.

The millets family warmly welcomes Dr. Somanath Nayak and wishes him a productive and successful tenure at ICAR-IIMR.

Hindi Chetana Maas Celebrated at IIMR

Hindi Chetana Maas was celebrated by the ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad, during the period of 14 September – 13 October, 2025, during which various competitions in Hindi were conducted for the staff to promote the official use of the language. Participation was noted from all staff of IIMR, including scientists, technical, administrative personnel, and research scholars, who engaged with great enthusiasm and zeal. Apart from these activities, a Hindi workshop was organized during the month and a signature campaign was held, in which all officers and employees signed their official documents in Hindi.

The closing ceremony and prize distribution were organized on 13 October, 2025. At the outset, the delegates and participants were welcomed by Dr. Jinu Jacob, Senior Scientist & OIC Hindi Cell, and a report on official language implementation at IIMR during 2024-2025 was presented.

The report on various programs organized during the month was presented by Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Assistant Chief Technical Officer (Official Language), who expressed gratitude to all participants and judges for the success of the program.

Cash prizes and citations were presented by Dr. (Smt.) C Tara Satyavathi to Smt. Ritu Dalal, SAO, and Sri Shaik Rukman, FAO, as an incentive for their significant contributions to promoting the official language in regular office work. Cash prizes and certificates were distributed to the winners of various competitions, and consolation prizes and certificates were given to all participants. The judges and facilitators of the various competitions were honoured through the presentation of mementos and certificates.



In her address, Dr. Tara Satyavathi stated that work should be performed as much as possible in the official language Hindi, as it was observed that only Hindi and local languages can effectively reach the target audience, the farmers. The ceremony was concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Mahesh Kumar. The celebration was conducted and coordinated by Dr. Jinu Jacob and Dr.

Mahesh Kumar under the guidance of the Director, Dr. C. Tara Satyavathi.

Inspection of Official Language Implementation

The Institute's official language implementation activities were inspected on 27th October, 2025, by Shri Anirban Kumar Vishwas, Deputy Director, Regional Implementation Office Bengaluru, Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs. He was welcomed to IIMR, Hyderabad, by Dr. (Mrs.) C. Tara Satyavathi, Director. He addressed the staff regarding the necessity of compliance with the official language rules, and the Institute's implementation report was reviewed point by point; while



the Institute was commended for its smooth functioning, suggestions were offered to accelerate the implementation process.

A meeting of the Institute's Official Language Implementation Committee was held in the presence of Dr. Anirban Kumar Vishwas. The committee was chaired by Dr. (Mrs.) C. Tara Satyavathi, Director, and attended by members Dr. B. Venkatesh Bhat, Dr. Jinu Jacob, Dr. Sooganna, Shri Sheikh Rukman, Shri P. Shivaprasad, and Shri Ramamurthy, with Dr. Mahesh Kumar serving as Member Secretary. The committee was briefed by Mr. Biswas on the official language policy and regulations, and the importance of their compliance was emphasized. Assurance was given by Dr. C. Tara Satyavathi that policies were being properly adhered to and would continue to be followed. The entire inspection was coordinated by Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Dr. Jinu Jacob, and Mr. P. Shivaprasad under the guidance of the Director.

Reviving Indigenous Food Wisdom – Community Awareness Campaign

Indigenous foods have sustained humanity for generations, offering nourishment, resilience, and cultural continuity. To reintroduce their relevance in modern diets, a community awareness campaign titled *Reviving Indigenous Food Wisdom* was organized by Ms. S. Ushasree, Food Scientist and Dietician with ACT4FOOD under the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), on 25 October 2025 at the Community Hall in Gowlipura, Hyderabad.

Act4Food –GAIN is a youth-driven, international platform committed to transforming food systems and improving nutrition worldwide. The campaign highlighted the critical role of millets and traditional foods in combating hunger, malnutrition, and over-nutrition. Dr. N. Kannababu, Principal Scientist at ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research (ICAR-IIMR), participated as 'Chief Guest' and spoke on the agricultural and nutritional significance of millets. He also shared insights into the ongoing research and development initiatives at ICAR-IIMR. Dr. R. Venkateswarlu, Senior Scientist at ICAR-IIMR, addressed the audience as a guest speaker, emphasizing the health benefits of incorporating millets into daily diets. A pledge to include millets in everyday meals was administered by Mrs. A. Bhagyalakshmi, Corporator of Gowlipura, encouraging participants to embrace indigenous food practices.

The event saw active participation from key stakeholders including Sri S. Narahari Rao (Deputy Director, Lands and Survey, Telangana), Mr. T. Venkatnarayana and Mr. R. Dyvanidhi (Food Safety Officers, GHMC), Mrs. Swapna (Assistant Engineer, Telangana Pollution Control Board), and Mr. Myadam Madhusudhana (Senior Journalist and Analyst). Participants from Gowlipura engaged in meaningful dialogue with the experts, exploring various dimensions of indigenous food systems and nutritional well-being.

Execution of Memorandum of Agreement / Understanding

Date of Agreement	Second Party/ Licensee	Purpose of MoA/ MoU	Signatory Authority		Witnessed by
			ICAR-IIMR	Second party	
17.10.25	Trie Roots Origins Private Limited, Hyderabad	Licensing of 1. Multi-millet cookies 2. Sorghum premium choco chip cookies 3. Finger millet nut delight bar	Dr. C. Tara Satyavathi, Director	Trie Roots Origins Private Limited, Hyderabad	Dr. Amasiddha



Participation in Meetings/Seminar/Workshops/Conferences etc. – Dr. C Tara Satyavathi, Director

Name of Employee	Title of the meeting / Workshop etc. (If paper etc. presented mention the title)	Organized by	Venue / Place	Online / Physical	Dates
Dr. C Tara Satyavathi	Curtain Raiser Program on Emerging Agriculture Technologies (EAT) for ESTIC-2025 organized by ICAR-NDRI, Karnal.	ICAR-NDRI, Karnal	ICAR-NDRI, Karnal	--	13.10.2025
Dr. C Tara Satyavathi	As Jury for the Agriculture category during the 16 th edition of the Aegis Graham Bell Awards (AGBA) Virtual Innovation Presentation.	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Govt. of India	Aegis Graham Bell Awards	Online	15.10.2025
Dr. C Tara Satyavathi	Committee meeting - Food Based Intervention or recommending a comprehensive Diet chart and food models for the Anganwadi beneficiaries organized by Dept. of Women Development & Child Welfare Government of Telangana Hyderabad	Dept. of Women Development & Child Welfare Government of Telangana Hyderabad.	Dept. of Women Development & Child Welfare Government of Telangana Hyderabad.	Online	27.10.2025
Dr. C Tara Satyavathi	Research Advisory Committee (Agriculture) meeting	National Innovation Foundation-India, Autonomous Institute of DST, Gol, Gujarat	PPVFRA, New Delhi.	Physical	30.10.2025

Trainings organized

S. No.	Title of training	Dates	Duration (in days)	No of Participants	Category of Participants (ICAR Employees, Entrepreneurs, Farmer's, Students etc.)
1	Training on Post-Harvest and Processing Technologies for Odisha Officials and Stakeholders	7-10 Oct 25	4	24	Assistant Agriculture Officers (AAO), Agriculture Officers (AO), Block Agriculture Officers (BAO), Chief District Agriculture Officers (CDAO), FPOs
2	Farmers Field School (FFS) on Production Technologies and Value Chain Development in Finger Millet (at ARS, ANGRAU, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh)-Under FAO project	13-14 Oct 25	2	40	Farmers
3	Farmers Field School (FFS) on Production Technologies and Value Chain Development in Pearl Millet (at IIMR Regional Research Station Gudamalani, Rajasthan)- Under FAO project	15-16 Oct 25	2	20	Farmers

Lecture Delivered

Name of the Employee	Date	Organized by	Program Details	Topic	Mode
Dr. Sangappa & Dr. Rafi	7 th October 2025	Nutrihub, ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad	Entrepreneurship Foundation Program in Millets	Role of millet FPOs in strengthening millet value chain	Physical
Dr. Sangappa & Mr. Abbuseat	14 th October 2025	Nutrihub, ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad	Entrepreneurship Foundation Program in Millets	Linking startups with millet FPOs	Physical
Dr. Sangappa & Dr. Rafi	31 st October	IIPM, Bangalore	Corporate talk to Management students	Business Opportunities in millets for promotion of millet entrepreneurship	Hybrid

Meetings/Workshops/Trainings/Exposure Visits/ Awareness Programs/Capacity Buildings

Name of the Employee	Date	Organized by	Program Details	Type	Mode
Dr. Sangappa	15 th October 2025	Centre for Entrepreneurship Development & ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad	Millet entrepreneurship exposure program for ACABC participants	Exposure Visits	Physical
Dr. Sangappa	15 th October 2025	ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad	Practical learning and industry exposure of 40 students from College of Fish Nutrition and Food Technology, Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University (TNJFU)	Exposure Visits	Physical
Dr. Sangappa	31 st October 2025	NAARM & ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad	Regulatory Guidelines for Establishment of Agro and Food Processing Industries	Training Program	Physical
Dr. Mahesh Kumar and Shri. P Shivaprasad	15 November, 2025	NAARM, Hyderabad	TOLIC-2-Hyderabad	Meeting	Physical
Dr. Vikas Kumar	27-10-2025 to 31-10-2025	NAARM, Hyderabad	Regulatory Guidelines for Establishment of Agro and Food Processing Industries	Meeting	Physical
Drs. N. Kannababu & R. Venkateswarlu	25 October 2025	ACT4FOOD under the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)	A community awareness campaign Reviving Indigenous Food Wisdom at Gowlipura, Hyderabad	Meeting	Physical

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