

## **Inauguration of International Year of Millets 2023 celebrations at RPCAU, Pusa**

With the arrival of New Year 2023, the International year of Millets (IYoM) is also being celebrated. In this context RPCAU, Pusa inaugurated the celebrations of IYoM 2023 on January 1, 2023. The honorable Vice Chancellor Dr P S Pandey, chaired the function which was attended by all deans, directors, head of departments, faculty members, non-teaching staff and students of RPCAU, wherein several different types of Millets (finger millet, foxtail millet, barnyard millet, proso millet, little millet, kodo millet, browntop millet), value added products prepared from millets (madua ladoo, thekua, mathri, sakarpara, sweet and salty biscuits, multigrain aata, sawan kheer etc.) and several literatures related to millets were displayed on the occasion. At the outset Dr Sweta Mishra, Principal Investigator, AICRP – Small Millets, RPCAU introduced about the theme of IYoM and why it is being celebrated. She informed the gathering about different types of small millets and their immense potential, their health and nutritional benefits, their role in global food systems, their potential to improve the livelihood of small and marginal farmers, their ease of cultivation and their ability to withstand climate change.

She informed how International year of millets can be instrumental in creating awareness about millets among general public especially youth and farmers. She insisted upon including millets in the food plate for better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life. The Small Millets scheme of RPCAU has prepared a calendar of events to be organized for the whole year which aims to strengthen science-policy interaction, empower stakeholders to take action, and to build new partnerships.

The Honorable Vice Chancellor Dr P S Pandey assured that University will provide full support to the events being organized to sustain the noble cause and the agenda of International year of millets adopted by the Government of India. He appealed to the audience to get attached with this millet mission...be a flag bearer and spread the message to the world to adopt millets in their food plate for a better life and a better lifestyle.

At the end a promotional video regarding small millets was also played for the audience. On this occasion, the Department of Food and Nutrition, College of Community Sciences prepared and distributed Madua ladoos to the gathering.

The celebration that was integrated with the New Year celebration ended with a vote of thanks.



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**MILLETS ARE GOOD FOR THE CONSUMER, CULTIVATOR AND CLIMATE**

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