

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

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G-20 GLOBAL MILLETS CONFERENCE

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether G-20 Global Millets Conference was held recently in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details of discussions held in areas like farming of millets, millet economy, health benefits, income to farmers, etc. and conclusions arrived at in the conference;
- (c) the efforts being made by the Ministry to ensure that all States and UTs cultivated millets apart from the present 12-13 States;
- (d) the reaction of the Government towards increase in per head consumption of millets from 3 kgs earlier to more than 13 kgs now; and
- (e) the efforts being made/to be made to push further use of millets per head?

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(a)&(b): To create domestic and global demand and to provide nutritional food to the people, Government of India had proposed to the United Nations for declaring the year 2023 as the International Year of Millets (IYM). The proposal of India was supported by 72 countries and United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared 2023 as International Year of Millets. The Government of India has taken a proactive multi-stakeholder engagement approach (engaging various central government Ministries/Departments, States/UTs, farmers, start-ups, exporters, retail businesses, hotels, Indian Embassies etc.) to achieve the objectives of IYM and taking Indian millets globally.

The focus during IYM was to enhance production and productivity, consumption, export, strengthening value chain, branding, creating awareness for health benefits etc. The Government of India has organized various events to make it peoples' movement so that the Indian millets, recipes, value added products be promoted globally. Millets were promoted during the G20 presidency in India, Millet Culinary carnival, International Trade Events, Chef's Conference, exhibition of Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs), road shows, kisan melas, Chef's training for paramilitary forces, ASEAN India Millet Festival at Indonesia and Delhi etc.

A key event organized towards International Year of Millets was the Global Millets(Shree Anna) Conference, held from 18th – 19th March 2023 at IARI Pusa campus, New Delhi which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. To make India a global hub for Shree Anna', the Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR), Hyderabad has been declared as the Global Centre of Excellence for sharing best practices, research and technologies at the national and international level.

(c): A Sub-Mission on National Food Security & Nutrition Mission (NFSNM)-Nutri Cereals is being implemented in all districts of 28 States & 2 Union Territories viz. Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. Under NFSNM–Nutri Cereals, the incentives are provided to the farmers, through the States/UTs, on crop production and protection technologies, cropping system based demonstrations, production & distribution of certified seeds of newly released varieties/hybrids, Integrated Nutrient and Pest Management techniques, capacity building of farmers through trainings during cropping season, organizing events/workshops, distribution of seed mini kits, publicity through print and electronic media etc.

In addition, Government of India also provides flexibility to the states for state specific needs/priorities under Pradhan Mantri - Rashtirya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVVY). The states can promote Millets (Shree Anna) under PM-RKVVY with approval of State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) headed by Chief Secretary of the State.

(d)&(e): The distribution of Millets has increasing trend:

Financial Year	Distribution of Millets (in MT)
2021-22	8,33,172
2022-23	6,43,169
2023-24	10,41,660
2024-25	11,55,236 (as on 27.03.2025)

Department has taken various initiatives to increase Millets Procurement:

- i. **Revision in Guidelines:** Distribution period/Shelf life of millets was increased from earlier 3 months to 6-10 months, thus enhancing higher level of procurement.
- ii. Provision of inter-state transportation of surplus millets through FCI had also been incorporated.
- iii. Increase in administrative charges on acquisition stage from 1% to 2% of MSP, to incentivise procurement of millets.
- iv. **Inclusion of minor millets in TPDS/OWS:** Government has recently expanded scope of procurement of millets by states/UTs by including minor millets: Foxtail Millet (Kangani/Kakun), Proso Millet (Cheena), Kodo Millet (Kodo), little millet (Kutki), Buckwheat (kuttu) and Ameranthus (Chaulai) under MSP scheme on the MSP of Ragi for next three years (from 2023).
