

GLOBAL MILLETS (SHREE ANNA) CONFERENCE

As part of the celebrations of International Year of Millets 2023, Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference is being organized by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW), Government of India on 18th March, 2023, 11:00 AM IST at Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI) Campus, PUSA, New Delhi. The occasion would be graced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

2. At the inaugural session, there will be video message from some Heads of States/Heads of Governments. Agriculture Ministers from various countries will be attending the event physically. A global level exhibition-cum-Buyer-Seller Meet (BSM) focused on millets with participation of domestic and international buyers, importers, exporters and processors are planned at the PUSA campus alongside the event. Additionally, several international conferences on millets of scientists, nutritionists, environmentalists, chefs, industry players, etc. have also been planned.

3. Millets are one of the oldest crops known to humans and can grow in adverse weather conditions with marginal irrigation requirements. Millets are primarily categorized as major millets, including Sorghum, Bajra and Ragi and minor millets including Foxtail, Kodo, Barnyard, Proso, Brown top and Little millet. Millets are nutritionally superior as their grains contain high amount of protein, essential amino acids minerals and vitamins. Millets are known for their high dietary fibre and preferred as dietary food for people with diabetes and cardiovascular diseases. Millets contain health promoting phenolic compounds which play a vital role in combatting multiple lifestyle related diseases. Thus, Millets consumption furthers nutrition, food security and welfare of farmers.

4. India is honoured to be at the forefront of popularizing Millets. All Indian nationals, Overseas Citizens of India and friends of India are invited to watch virtual live screening of the event and get benefitted. Video link for watching the Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference shall be shared in due course.