



Reports

One Day Multi-Disciplinary
National Seminar

on

Role of Millets in Rural Development



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The seminar, titled "Role of Millets in Rural Development," aims to illuminate the transformative potential of millets in fostering sustainable and inclusive growth in rural areas. Chhattisgarh state has introduced the Millet Mission, envisioning increased income for farmers in Vananchal and tribal areas, giving a new identity to the region. This initiative will also generate employment for farmers, women's groups, and youth through millet processing and value addition. Kodo, Kutki, Ragi, Tau, etc. are cultivated in 20 districts of Chhattisgarh. The 'Millet Mission' launched by the Chhattisgarh Chief Minister aims to boost minor millet production, and set a target crop production area of 1.17 lakh hectares for the year 2022-23, compared to the previous 69,000 hectares. Millets, renowned for their nutritional richness and adaptability to diverse climates, possess the potential to enhance food security, bolster farm resilience, and promote economic stability in rural communities. These crops offer numerous advantages, from boosting agricultural biodiversity and reducing environmental impact to creating diversified income opportunities. Additionally, millets play a vital role in addressing malnutrition, contributing to the overall well-being of rural populations. The processing and value addition of millets will further contribute to employment for farmers, women's groups, and youth. This initiative aims to empower rural communities, providing them with valuable tools for self-sufficiency, improved livelihoods, and a more resilient future.

On February 10, 2024, a one-day national seminar on the "Role of millets in rural development" was organized at Government Rani Durgawati College, Wadrafnagar. This seminar was sponsored by the Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology Raipur. Dr. S.N. Pandey (Professor) from Govt. Rajiv Gandhi P.G. College, Ambikapur was the chief guest and representative of Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Chhattisgarh in this seminar. Dr. P.K. Ghosh (Professor) from the Department of Economics, University of Allahabad, Allahabad (U.P.), Dr Shakuntala Misra National Rehabilitation University, Lucknow (U.P.), Dr. Anil Sinha from Govt. Rajiv Gandhi P.G. College, Ambikapur (C.G.) and Dr. Rajesh Choukse (Senior Scientist) from Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surajpur (C.G.) were the keynote speaker in this seminar.



In this seminar, the students took the initiative to organize a comprehensive millets exhibition, showcasing a diverse array of millet varieties including kodo, kutaki, ragi, tau and more. Through engaging presentations and informative displays, they meticulously elucidated the significance of millets, delving into their multifaceted benefits. Participants were enlightened about the nutritional richness of millets, highlighting their role in promoting health and well-being. Moreover, the students expounded upon the agricultural advantages associated with millet cultivation, shedding light on their resilience to diverse environmental conditions and their potential to enhance agricultural sustainability. Overall, the exhibition served as a platform for disseminating knowledge and fostering awareness about the importance of millets in both dietary and agricultural contexts.





Dr. J.N. Pande, Dr. Umesh Pandey, Dr. Rahin Pandey, Vineet Gupta, Shri Premchand Yadav, Shri Shyambihari Yadav, along with the Principal of the college, Shri Sudhir Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor Dr. Toyaj Shukla, Shri Jagdish Khushari, Dr. Balram Sahu, Librarian Shri Pankaj Kumar, Sports Officer Shri Ashok Ekka, Guest Faculties, JBS Faculties, College Office Staff, local dignitaries, and college students were actively participated in this seminar.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Registration & Breakfast (09:00 AM– 09:30 AM)	
Inauguration Session 09:30 AM– 10:30 AM	Welcome speech by Dr. Toya Shukla Lamp lighting & Inaugural Song Inaugural speech by Mr. Sudhir Singh, Principal Inaugural speech by Chief Guest Dr. S.N. Pandey
Technical Session-1 10:30 AM– 11:45 PM	Chairperson: Dr. S.N. Pandey Co-Chairperson: Mr. Vinit Gupta Resource person: Prof. (Dr.) Anamika Choudhary Title: <i>Millets of SDGs</i> Paper presentation by Participants
Tea Break (11:45 PM– 12:00 PM)	
Technical Session-2 12:30 PM– 01:45PM	Chairperson: Dr. J.N. Pandey Co-Chairperson: Mr. N.K. Dewangan Resource person: Dr. Rajesh Chouksey Title: <i>Millets Farming</i>
Lunch Break (01:45 PM– 02:30PM)	
Technical Session-3 02:30PM – 03:30PM	Chairperson: Dr. Punit Rai Co-Chairperson: Dr. Umesh Pandey Resource person: Prof. (Dr.) P.K. Ghosh Title: <i>Shree Anna of Amrit Kaal</i>
Technical Session-4 03:30PM – 04:30PM	Chairperson: Dr. R.B. Sonwani Co-Chairperson: Dr. Rashmi Pandey Resource person: Dr. Anil Kumar Sinha Title: <i>Millets and Rural Development</i> Paper presentation by Participants (Online and Offline)



Valedictory Session
04:30 PM– 05:30PM

Cultural event
Closing speech by Mr. Sudhir Singh, Principal
Vote of thanks by Mr. Jagdish Khusro

This seminar was meticulously organized according to the outlined schedule, comprising four enlightening technical sessions.

First Technical Session:

Chaired by Dr. S.N. Pandey, and Dr. Anamika Choudhary, Professor from the Department of Economics at Dr. Shakuntala Misra National Rehabilitation University, Lucknow (U.P.), this session commenced with an insightful lecture by Dr. Choudhary on the pivotal role of grains in sustainable development. Delving into their historical significance and diverse types, she provided a comprehensive understanding of their importance.



Second Technical Session:

Dr. J.N. Pandey chaired this session and Dr. Rajesh Choukse, a Senior Scientist from Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Surajpur (C.G.), served as the speaker. Dr. Choukse's presentation extensively covered various aspects of grain cultivation, including different grain types, their nutritional benefits, and the application of scientific methods in cultivation practices.



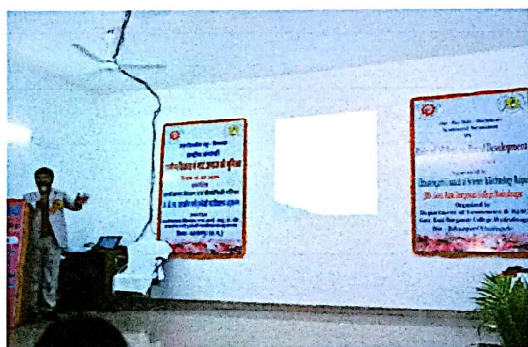
Third Technical Session:

Dr. Punit Rai chaired this session, during which Dr. P.K. Ghosh from the Department of Economics at the University of Allahabad, Allahabad (U.P.), delivered an insightful lecture on the role of grains in rural development. Dr. Ghosh elaborated on the significance of superfoods, providing detailed information on their nutritional composition and highlighting their potential in combating various health issues such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and obesity.



Fourth Technical Session:

Dr. R.B. Sonwani presided over the final session, featuring Dr. Anil Sinha from Government Rajiv Gandhi P.G. College, Ambikapur (C.G.), as the keynote speaker. Dr. Sinha's comprehensive lecture focused on the historical evolution of grain production and development in India, offering a comparative analysis between ancient and modern practices, thus providing valuable insights into the trajectory of grain agriculture in the country.



In the fourth technical session, a diverse array of participants, including research scholars, postgraduate (PG), and undergraduate (UG) students, had the opportunity to share their innovative research endeavors through dynamic PowerPoint presentations. The session was characterized by a vibrant exchange of ideas and insights, as each presenter offered unique perspectives and findings within their respective fields of study. Additionally, embracing the digital era, several participants seized the opportunity to contribute to the seminar remotely, utilizing virtual platforms to deliver their presentations. This hybrid approach not only facilitated broader participation but

also underscored the adaptability and inclusivity of modern academic discourse. Through their contributions, both in-person and virtual, the participants enriched the seminar with a diverse tapestry of research advancements, fostering intellectual growth and collaboration within the academic community.



Principal Mr. Sudhir Kumar Singh commenced the closing session by expressing his gratitude to all participants, faculty members, and distinguished guests for their active involvement and valuable contributions throughout the seminar. Furthermore, Principal Singh extended his appreciation to the Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology (CCOST), Raipur for their generous sponsorship, which played a pivotal role in organizing the seminar and facilitating meaningful dialogue on critical issues in the field of sustainable development.

At the end, Mr. Jagdish Khusro, on behalf of the organizing committee, delivered the vote of thanks. He expressed sincere gratitude to Principal Singh for his inspiring closing remarks and to all the speakers, researchers, scholars, and students for their active participation and valuable contributions. Mr. Khusro acknowledged the enlightening presentations and discussions that characterized the seminar, highlighting their role in sparking meaningful dialogue and fostering intellectual growth. Special recognition was given to the Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology (CCOST) for their invaluable sponsorship, without which the seminar would not have been possible. Mr. Khusro also extended thanks to the organizing committee, support staff, and all individuals involved in ensuring the smooth functioning of the seminar.

To add a delightful conclusion to the event, students from our college showcased their talent with a vibrant folk dance performance. Their energetic performance added a touch of cultural richness and left the audience in high spirits.



Government Department Benefit

Various Higher Education Institutes like Agriculture Institute and various other Universities and Colleges where research and PhD programs on economics, geography, agriculture, botany, zoology, genetics, and various other relevant subjects are running directly benefitted from this national seminar as various thrust area of millets and their impact in rural development has been discussed by the resource persons, research scholar and participants.

Agriculture Development and Farmer Welfare and Bio-Technology Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, emerged as a significant beneficiary of the seminar. The insights gained from the seminar will aid the department in formulating policies and programs to promote millet cultivation, improve agricultural productivity, and enhance rural livelihoods in tribal areas.



शासकीय महाविद्यालय में 'श्री अन्न' विषय पर राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी 'मोटे अनाज के सेवन से बीपी, शुगर की समस्या को कर सकते हैं नियंत्रित'

वाइफनगर शासकीय राजीव गांधी महाविद्यालय में 'श्री अन्न' विषय पर एक दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी का आयोजन अर्धशास्त्र विभाग, आईक्यूएसी, महिला-प्राथमिकी समिति एवं छात्रसंगठन विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी परिषद के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में आयोजित किया गया। इसमें मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में शासकीय राजीव गांधी महाविद्यालय अधिकारी के प्राध्यापक डॉ. प्रसन्न पाण्डेय उपस्थित रहे। इस संगोष्ठी के मुख्य चर्चा अर्धशास्त्र विभाग इलाहाबाद विश्वविद्यालय उत्तरप्रदेश के प्राचार्य डॉ. प्रताप कुमार शोभ ने संबोधित हुए जिसमें प्रथम तकनीकी स्तर के मुख्य वक्ता राष्ट्रीय पुनर्वसन विश्वविद्यालय लखनऊ के अर्धशास्त्र विभाग के प्राध्यापक डॉ. अनिल सिन्हा ने मिलता है। का उल्लेख करते हुए इसके महत्व को बताया। द्वितीय तकनीकी स्तर के मुख्य वक्ता सरगुजा कृषि विज्ञान केंद्र के वरिष्ठ वैज्ञानिक डॉ. राजेश चौकसे ने मोटे अनाज के प्रकार, उनकी पहचान, उनके सेवन से होने वाले लाभ तथा उनमें पाये जाने



उन्होंने बीअन्न के उत्पादन में जोर देने हुए यह बताया कि हमकी क्या भारत के अलावा अन्य देशों में बहुत अधिक है। इसमें यहां के किसान 'श्री अन्न' का अधिक से अधिक उत्पादन कर उसे अच्छे दामों पर देश-विदेश में निर्यात कर आर्थिक आर्थिक लाभ कमा सकते हैं। इस अवसर पर प्राचार्य सुधीर कुमार सिंह, सहायक प्राध्यापक डॉ. कलराम साह, जगदीश खुरसरा, पंकज कुमार, अशोक एक्का व समस्त अतिथि व्याख्याता, कार्यकारी, स्वास्थी नागरिक एवं विद्यार्थी उपस्थित रहे। इस संगोष्ठी का संघ संचालन सहायक प्राध्यापक डॉ. तोयल शुक्ला द्वारा किया गया।

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मोटे अनाज का जिक्र वेदों में मिलता है: प्राचार्य अनिल



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श्री अन्न की मांग बढ़ना किसानों के लिए उत्साहजनक



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Outcome and Recommendations

The One Day National Seminar on "Role of Millets in Rural Development" aimed to shed light on the importance of millets in promoting sustainable agriculture, enhancing rural livelihoods, and addressing food security challenges in tribal regions. These are outcomes of the Above-mentioned national seminar:

- The seminar featured notable experts, researchers, and policymakers in agriculture and rural development, offering insightful presentations that elucidated the importance of millets in rural economies.
- Attendees, comprising students, faculty, farmers, and representatives from government and non-governmental organizations, actively participated in sessions discussing millet cultivation techniques, nutritional benefits, market potential, and policy support.
- Participants discussed policy interventions needed to promote millets as a sustainable agricultural alternative. Recommendations included enhancing research and extension services, offering financial incentives to farmers, and integrating millets into government nutrition programs.
- The seminar highlighted community involvement in promoting millet cultivation, focusing on empowering local communities, particularly tribal farmers, through capacity building, market linkages, and value addition activities.

Thus, the seminar provided a platform for stakeholders to exchange ideas and chart a roadmap for leveraging millets in rural development. It emphasized the urgent need for collaborative efforts from government agencies, academia, civil society, and the private sector to integrate millets into agricultural policies and practices.

Recommendations

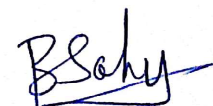
Based on the deliberations and insights gained during the seminar, the following recommendations are proposed:

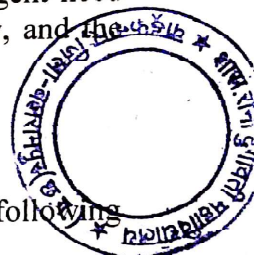
- Strengthening research and development efforts to enhance millet varieties' productivity, resilience, and nutritional quality.
- Capacity building initiatives targeting farmers, extension workers, and other stakeholders to promote millet-based agriculture.
- Establishment of market infrastructure and value chain development initiatives to ensure fair prices and market access for millet farmers.
- Integration of millets into government nutrition programs to address malnutrition and promote food security in rural areas.

Overall, the seminar served as a catalyst for fostering dialogue, collaboration, and action towards leveraging the potential of millets for rural development in tribal regions.


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ABOUT COLLEGE

Govt. Rani Durgawati College (GRDC), Wadrafnagar was established on July 11th, 1989. GRDC is a NAAC accredited college and affiliated with Sant Gahira Guru University, Sarguja, Ambikapur. Most of the students of our college belong to the tribal and farming family. The purpose of establishing GRDC is to provide higher education to the students, especially those who were socially and economically deprived, as it is a tribal area. GRDC offers UG programme on BA, BSc, BCom and BCA. GRDC is one of the reputed college in the Sarguja Division, where students up to 40 km away regularly attend classes. The college is working with the vision of making all-around development of the students by providing them quality and moral value-based education, by which they are capable of facing all the challenges and obstacles, so that they may be useful members of society.

WAY TO WADRAFANAGAR

Wadrafnagar is an administrative block of Balrampur district, Chhattisgarh and it is situated very close to the borders of Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh. Wadrafnagar is located about 90 km away from Ambikapur (Sarguja Division Headquarter) on the Banaras highway. The distances of Wadrafnagar from some major places are as follows: Raipur (Chhattisgarh) 426 km, Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh) 308 km, Renukoot (UP) 77 km, Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) 220 km, Garhwa (Jharkhand) 119 km, Singrauli (Madhya Pradesh) 107 km, Waidhan (Madhya Pradesh) 85 km.



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S.No.	Participants	Fee
01	Faculties	500
02	Research Scholar	300
03	Students	200

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ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The seminar, titled "Role of Millets in Rural Development," aims to illuminate the transformative potential of millets in fostering sustainable and inclusive growth in rural areas. Chhattisgarh state has introduced the Millet Mission, envisioning increased income for farmers in Vananchal and tribal areas, giving a new identity to the region. This initiative will also generate employment for farmers, women's groups, and youth through millet processing and value addition. Kodo, Kutki, Ragi, Tau, etc. are cultivated in 20 districts of Chhattisgarh. The 'Millet Mission' launched by the Chhattisgarh Chief Minister aims to boost minor millet production, and set a target crop production area of 1.17 lakh hectares for the year 2022-23, compared to the previous 69,000 hectares. Millets, renowned for their nutritional richness and adaptability to diverse climates, possess the potential to enhance food security, bolster farm resilience, and promote economic stability in rural communities. These crops offer numerous advantages, from boosting agricultural biodiversity and reducing environmental impact to creating diversified income opportunities.

Additionally, millets play a vital role in addressing malnutrition, contributing to the overall well-being of rural populations. The processing and value addition of millets will further contribute to employment for farmers, women's groups, and youth. Recognizing the environmental benefits of millets, such as low water and input requirements, the year 2023 has been declared as the International Year of Millets" to raise awareness and promote increased production and consumption. This initiative aims to empower rural communities, providing them with valuable tools for self-sufficiency, improved livelihoods, and a more resilient future.

THRUST AREA OF THE SEMINAR

- International year of millet
- Chhattisgarh millet mission
- Biotic stress and millets production
- Effects of abiotic stress on millets production
- Transforming rural economies through millet farming
- Harnessing millets for inclusive growth
- Millets in sustainable agriculture and nutrition
- Role of millets in economic resilience

- Millet cultivation in Chhattisgarh
- Millets and their impact on rural well-being
- Chhattisgarh's Agricultural Revolution
- Millets at the core of inclusive development
- Millet processing and value addition
- A gateway to employment for rural youth & women
- Unleashing the potential for global food security
- Rural communities and millets
- Physico-chemical & functional characteristic of millets
- Varietal improvement of small millets
- Participatory varietal improvement in small millets
- Millet production in India
- Millets: Super-food of the century
- Challenges and opportunity of millets production
- Other interdisciplinary topics related to agriculture, millets and rural development.

FULL PAPER & ABSTRACT FORMAT

Participants can submit their abstracts or full papers for publication in this national seminar. The maximum word limit is 500 for an abstract and 5000 for full paper. The research paper and abstract should be written in Hindi (font Kruti Dev 010; size 14) or English (font Times New Roman; size 12). The selected research paper and abstract will be published and shared with all participants. All participants are kindly requested to send their full length papers or abstracts to the following address by January 31st, 2024: gradseminar@gmail.com

Last Date of Registration & Abstract Submission
31st January 2024

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