

Poshan Vatika Maha Abiyan & Tree Planting Celebration- Curtain Raiser of International Year of Millets, 2023 at Lakshmidvipura, Dodaballapura Taluka, Bengaluru Rural District, Karnataka

ICAR-NBAIR has celebrated Poshan Vatika Maha Abhiyan & Tree plantation at Lakshmidvipura village, Dodaballapura taluka, Bengaluru Rural District, Karnataka on 17th September, 2021 to commemorate Curtain Raiser of International Year of Millets 2023.

On this occasion around 125 farmers and 80 Children were participated. The programme was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Mr. Muthu Krishnappa, Ex-President-Gram Panchayat, and Dr. M. Nagesh, Director, ICAR-NBAIR. The following dignitaries were present at the celebration, Mr. Purushotham, Member- Gram-Panchayat, Mr. Shivaraju, Secretary-Milk Producer Co-opertative Society, Mr. Muniraju, Ex-President, Milk producer Co-operative Society, Mr. Vasantha Gowda, Head Master, Higher Primary School, Lakshmidvipura village and 12 Scientific and technical staff from ICAR-NBAIR was participated in the programme. The 125 tree saplings viz., Mango, Guava, Tamarind, Papaya, Cherry, Dragon fruit, Jamun, Jackfruit and Curry leaves were distributed among the farmers and 100 saplings were planted at the premises.

The programme started with the invocation by the students of Higher Primary School, Lakshmidvipura followed by the address of the gathering by Dr. M. Nagesh, Director-ICAR-NBAIR. A talk on importance of Nutri-cereal was delivered by Chief Guest Mr. Muthu Krishnappa, Ex-President-Gram Panchayat, Lakshmidvipura and Dr. AN. Shylesha, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru.

Mrs. Kadariamamma, a 95 year old women farmer from the village shared her life time experience and emphasized on the importance of millets in the healthy diet and life style. This was followed by distribution of millet based products (muti-millet laddu packets) to all the girl children and young women followed by Tree plantation in the school premises and nearby farmers fields and distribution of around 125 tree saplings to all the farmers including 65 women farmers of Lakshmidvipura village.

The programme concluded with the chores singing of National Anthem by all the participants. At the end of the event a Ragi-based beverage and Foxtail millet Upuma (Savory) & Foxtail millet Kesari (Sweet), which were made locally, have been served for all the participants.



Talk on Role of Nutri-cereal and their role in human health



Mrs. Kadiramma, a 95 years old women farmer sharing her experience and about importance of Nutri-cereal



Distribution of Tree saplings to the farmers by ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru





Tree plantation by ICAR-NBAIR in Higher Primary School and surrounding farmer's field of Lakshmidhevipura village



Distribution of millet based food products (multi-millet laddu packets) to participants