



**RASS- Krishi Vigyan Kendra
Vanasthali, Karakambadi (P), Renigunta (M), Tirupati (Dt.) – 517520**



Significant Activity for the month of February, 2023

“Radio Kisan Diwas and awareness programme on millets”

RASS – Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tirupati and All India Radio, Tirupati jointly organized Radio Kisan Diwas and Awareness Programme on Millets and their importance behalf of International Year of millets programme in a grand manner on 15.02.2023 at KVK premises. Dr. Hemanth Kumar, Principal Scientist and Head (Retired), ARS, Perumallapalli has attended as chief guest of the programme.

Dr. S.Sreenivasulu, Senior Scientist and Head, RASS – KVK, Tirupati, in his address he said that the Govt. Of India declared the year 2023 as International Year of millets. He also said that we are celebrating Radio Kisan Diwas to create awareness on Production technologies of millet crops, importance of millets in daily diet and millet value addition etc. He also explained about the KVK activities toward farming community and towards promotion of millet farming in district.

Dr. Hemanth Kumar, Principal Scientist and Head (Retired), ARS, Perumallapalli, explained the importance of millets in our daily diet, organic cultivation of millets, and the harm caused by eating food grown with indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. He also said that compared to paddy and other crops, water consumption and cultivation cost is very less for millet crops and the state and central governments are likely to increase the support price for millet crops.

Sri. Sudhakar Mohan, Programme Executive, All India Radio, said that farmers should follow the advice and suggestions of Krishi Vigyan Kendra scientists and get good yields. Farmers have been asked to make more use of social media and use new technology in cultivation to get higher yields.

Sri B. Venugopal Reddy, Programme Officer, All India Radio, Tirupati, said that there is a need for awareness about millets and their importance in the context of the problems faced due to the present food habits and also explained about the centers where seeds of different millet crops are available.

Dr. Hemalatha and Dr. Madhavalatha, Scientists, ARS, Perumallapalli, said that the important millet crops grown in the district and the high-yielding millet varieties, management practices to be followed in their cultivation, pest and disease management and details of Nutrient composition of different millets.

KVK scientists Dr. Srilatha Smt. Padmaja explained about the various food items prepared using millets and their nutritional value and said that rural women should take up the production of these value-added items in commercial mode to become good entrepreneurs.

Dr. Hemanth Kumar, Principal Scientist and Head (Retired) ARS, Perumallapalli, Dr. S.Sreenivasulu, Senior Scientist and Head, RASS – KVK, Tirupati, Sri. Sudhakar Mohan, Programme Executive, All India Radio Sri B. Venugopal Reddy, Programme Officer, All India Radio, Tirupati, Dr. Hemalatha, Dr. Madhavalatha, Scientists, ARS, Perumallapalli, KVK scientists Srilatha, Padmaja, Sudhakar, Divya, Ramu Kumar, Anusha and 72 farmers from different mandals were attended the programme.

