

International Year of Millets 2023



On the occasion of **International Year of Millets 2023 – a campaign on *Poshan Vatika Mahabhiyan and Tree Plantation*** was organized on ICAR-CIFT, Cochin at headquarters as well as research Centres Veraval, Visakhapatnam and Mumbai on 17 Sept 2021. Dr. C.N. Ravishankar welcomed the stakeholders and staff and highlighted the importance of dietary fibre in millets and need for promoting nutria garden and plantation. The Scientists in-Charges spearheaded the programme at the Research Centres.

On this occasion, a tree plantation campaign was organized and over 100 saplings were planted on this occasion in the quarter and office premises and 50 saplings were distributed to stakeholders and visitors at all the three places. In order to popularize the millet utilization and millet products, millet cookies and multi-grain millets jaggery cookies were distributed among the participants for encouraging the millets intake for nutrition and healthy living. In line with the events and the commemoration of the day CIFT Women's Cell organised a discussion on the health benefits of millets was held at the Institute and “Ragi biscuits” were distributed among staff members to mark the occasion.

To mark the day, two Memorandum of Understanding, one on Consultancy with M/s. Samudra Shipyard for design approval of Tuna Fishing Vessel and the other with M/s Keind Marine LLP for transfer of technical know-how for tuna Salad were also signed between the ICAR-CIFT and the Stakeholders. The staff of the institute participate also participated in the Zoom programme organized organised IIMR and listened to the address by the Hon’ble Union Minister of

Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Shri. Narendra Singh Tomar followed by the presentations by the scientists from different organizations.

**Photographs from Headquarters, Cochin
MoU's signed**



**Handing over MoU with M/s. Samudra Shipyard
Tree Sapling Plantation / distribution at HQ**



with M/s Keind Marine LLP



Tree Sapling Plantation/ Distrubution at Visakhapatnam



Tree Sapling Distribution at Mumbai



Tree Sapling Plantation at Veraval



Poshan Vatika Mahabhiyan

