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## INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF MILLETS-2023



Millets are rich source of nutrients, antioxidants and proteins. Beside that, they have the ability to sequester carbon thereby reducing the release of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> thus contribute in mitigating climate change.

On 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2023, The NSS unit of Polytechnic in Agricultural Engineering, Anand Agricultural University, Dahod organized awareness programme on International Year of Millets-2023 to the NSS Volunteer. In the beginning Dr.B.K.Yaduvanshi (I/c) Principal,PAE,AAU,Dahod welcomed to Dr.Vikas Pali, Assistant Research Scientist, ARS, Dahod. He delivered talk on importance cereal grain to be used for domestic purposes; the commonly grown millets are Sorghum, Pearl Millet, Finger Millet, Barnyard Millet, Foxtail Millet, Kodo Millet, Proso Millet and Little Millet. Unlike rice and wheat that require many inputs in terms of fertiliser and water, millets grow well in dry regions as rain-fed crops. Highly nutritious, non-glutinous and rich in fibre, they are easy to digest. **See: Eat millets, pay less, stay healthier, save earth.** He also focused on role of millets on climate change due to increase in average temperature, intensity and frequency of drought and flood, aberration of rainfall pattern and elevation in CO<sub>2</sub> concentration is posing serious challenge to entire food production system. Proper mitigation strategies need to be adapted in this time to tackle climatic constrictions. Millets have been proven as an effective solution due to their xerophilic and

thermophilic nature. There were 40 Nos of our students and NSS volunteers get benefited and interact with session.

. Whole programme was framed and circulated by Prof.Sachin S.Chinchorkar, Assistant Professor and NSS Programme Officer under the guidance of Dr. B.K.Yaduvanshi (I/c), Principal,PAE,AAU, Dahod.

