



## Deputy Director General of International Rice Research Institute Praised Chhattisgarh Millet Mission

### Why in News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on July 1, 2023, appreciation of the work being done under the 'Chhattisgarh Millet Mission' to promote the production of small grain crops (Kodo-Kutki, Ragi) in Chhattisgarh International Rice Research Joanna Can Potaca, The Deputy Director General (Crops) of the Institute Manila and eminent Agriculture & Nutrition Expert.

### Key Points:

- Ms. Potaka highlighted the seed production programme of small grain crops under the Chhattisgarh Millet Mission and seed distribution system to farmers, the establishment of Millet Processing Centers through community participation through Krishi Vigyan Kendras, procurement of small grain crops like Kodo, Kutki, Ragi etc. from farmers by the State Government at support price, the inclusion of small grain crops in a mid-day meal program for nutrition and inclusion of small grain crops in various districts through women self-help groups. He praised the establishment and operation of The Millet Cafe.
- Ms. Potaka tweeted about this while sharing a photo of her meeting with Dr. Girish Chandel, Vice Chancellor of Indira Gandhi Agricultural University during the 'International High Impact Rice Breeding Workshop' held in the South African country of Ghana recently. Significantly, Ms. Potaka is also the Executive Director of the Smart Food Programme.
- It is worth mentioning that Dr. Girish Chandel, Vice Chancellor of Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, had recently participated as a subject expert in a four-day workshop on the 'Modernization of Paddy Breeding Program' organized in Kumasi city of Ghana.
- Dr. Chandel gave information about the works and activities being done to promote the production of small grain crops under the Chhattisgarh Millet Mission run under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.
- Dr. Chandel also gave information about the research work being done on small grain crops in Indira Gandhi Agricultural University under the Millet Mission and the Millet Processing Center and Millet Cafe established through Krishi Vigyan Kendras.
- He also informed the agricultural scientists from different countries about the research work being done in the direction of modernization of the paddy breeding program at Indira Gandhi Agricultural University in the international workshop.



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Much to learn from Chhattisgarh Millet Mission:

- Seed system in place & distribution to farmers
- Primary processing setup in communities (thru KVKs)
- Millets in govt schemes: min support price, procurement, school feeding
- Millet cafes setup-outlets for products of womans groups.



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