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'DDS women played crucial role in millet cultivation'

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MLA J. Geeta Reddy participating in the concluding ceremony of Mobile Biodiversity Festival at Pastapur in Medak district on Friday.—
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The fight being waged by women under Deccan Development Society (DDS) would be an inspiration to the entire world, said Mohan J. Datta, National University of Singapore.

"I am very impressed with your food habits and living style, which would protect millet cultivation and also our culture. It's great to see the next generation continuing the same habits as well," said Prof. Datta, while participating in the concluding ceremony of Mobile Biodiversity Festival (MBD) held at Pastapur in Medak district on Friday organised by the DDS.

Rajiv Pual, Head, Neurosciences, Apollo Hospitals, suggested the farmers to not divert to other crops and continue cultivation of millets. He also promised them that he would suggest the patients to use millets.

MLA J. Geeta Reddy appreciated the women for their role in protection and cultivation of millets stating that millets should be introduced in the mid-day meal scheme of Anganwadi, ICDS and PDS.

DDS director P.V. Sateesh said they have been conducting the programme for the past 16 years and now everyone was able to understand biodiversity.

"The efforts being made by women in about 50 villages to protect biodiversity is being recognised across the globe. Even the action plan for biodiversity at the national level was given birth here," said Mr. Sateesh.

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