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Initiatives to promote millet

Staff Reporter

Government should initiate millets in all Anganwadi centres: Declaration

Millet farmers should get remunerative price and market support

SANGAREDDY: The Medak Declaration on Millets in Public Food System was released here at the district headquarters stressing the need for reform. The declaration was released late on Sunday after the roundtable on millets organised by the Deccan Development Society (DDS) on Millets Network of India (MINI). The declaration said that Medak has taken a major initiative in supporting millet food and farming systems in the district which will transform it into the First Millet district in India . The demanded that the government must immediately initiate millets in all Anganwadi centres being run under the ICDS programme.. This should further be spread at the earliest to mid-day meal programmes. in government and aided schools as well as in the all welfare hostels. They also demanded that the millet farmers should be paid highly remunerative price in addition to providing market support. The declaration was endorsed by Collector S. Suresh Kumar, Principal Advisor to the Supreme Court Commissioners on Right to Food Biraj Patnaik, former secretary to the Prime Minister K.R. Venugopal and DDS director P.V. Satheesh among 21 others.

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