

## ICAR-NBFGR attended in the Inaugural Session of Global Conference on Millets (Shri Anna)

ICAR-NBFGR attended in the inaugural session of the Global Conference on Millets (Shri Anna), which was co-organized by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare at NASC Complex on 18 March, 2023 at 11:00 AM in virtual mode through Prime minister's Webcast meeting: <https://pmindiawebcast.nic.in/>. The Conference was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi ji in the gracious presence of Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare; Sh. Piyush Goyal, Minister of Textiles, Minister of Commerce and Industry and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Shri Mansukh Laxmanbhai Mandaviya, Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers of India and Shri Kailash Choudhary, Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.

The Conference was attended by Dr. J K Jena, Deputy Director General (Fy.), ICAR along with Director, ICAR-NBFGR, Dr. U K Sarkar, 22 Scientists, 23 Technical Staff, 27 Administrative staff, 23 research scholars, 5 students and 26 farmers. After inauguration, a brain storming discussion was held, where Dr. Jena talked about the purpose of Global Conference with respect to observance of the neglected/ under-utilized and climate resilient native resources and ultimately their utilization towards upliftment of small and marginal farmers. Dr. Sarkar talked about fulfilment of sustainable development goal: SDG-17: Partnerships for Goals, SDG-3: Good health and Well-being. The conference will have long-term impact on changing mind-set regarding millets as cheap food and will be available for human-being. Millets and fish in integrated mode will provide golden opportunity to the Indian famers to use Global markets for higher economic return, better economic status & living standard and for employment opportunity. The coordination for virtual participation was facilitated by Dr. Achal Singh, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NBFGR.

