

ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru in Collaboration with KVK, TNAU, Dharmapuri conducted Regional Millet Mela-2023 and Tribal Sub Plan Program

ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (NBAIR), Bengaluru in collaboration with ICAR-KVK, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Dharmapuri conducted Regional Millet Mela -2023 for two days function on 28th – 29th May 2023 at ICAR-KVK, Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu on the eve of International Year of Millets by United Nations (UN). During this Regional Millets Mela Dr. S. N. Sushil, Director, ICAR-NBAIR gave speech on importance of biological control of crops pests and their role in the pesticide free crop production to the consumers. Tamil Nadu Agricultural Minister Mr. MRK Paneerselvam and Dr. V. Geethalakshmi, Vice Chancellor of TNAU, Dr. Murugan, Director of Extension Education, TNAU, Dr. Sheik N. Meera, Director of ICAR-ATAARI, Hyderabad, District Collector Mrs. Santhi, district MPs, MLAs are participated in the program. More than 4000 farmers participated in the Regional Millets Mela – 2023 function and utilize the opportunity of millets production and protection. Dr. T. Venkatesan, Principal Scientist and Head (Division of Genomic Resources) participated in the program. At the end of the program Dr. S. N. Sushil gave agricultural inputs like millets seeds, vegetables seeds, biopesticides, farm implements like conoweeders, coconut climbers to the tribal farmers for the improvement in their livelihood. Program Coordinators Dr. V. M. Vennila, ICAR-KVK, Dharmapuri and Dr. A. Kandan, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NBAIR arranged the necessary facilities and inputs for the tribal farmers.



