

1. **Name of the Project:** Innovative interventions for promotion of Millets in North-Eastern Region under NEH components of ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad.
2. **Rationality:** Millets are small grained cereal crops and are suitable for harsh, hot and dry environments. For the nourishment of humans and animals, climatic resilience, and sustainable ecosystem services, millets are an essential component of agri-food systems. Since millets are frequently the last crop to thrive in climate change situations, they are an excellent risk management tool for marginal farmers with limited resources. Based on the review of literature and field experience it was found that various efforts are being made in reviving millets. But the past studies mainly focused on identification of constraints, analyzing millet growth trends in NEH. The gap identified is that the earlier efforts were piecemeal that focused on production only, lacks focus on demonstration of improved varieties of millets, processing and value addition, marketing and branding aspects. The present project is proposed documentation, promotion, value addition, marketing, branding and consumer awareness.
3. **Objectives:**
 - Documentation and conservation of indigenous millets grown in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim
 - Technological intervention for promotion of improved millet varieties in the region
 - Development of innovative value-added millet product blended with traditional knowledge
 - Commercialization of value-added millet products
4. **Achievements:** During 2023-24 the project was implemented through 2 KVKs of Arunachal Pradesh and 3 KVKs of Sikkim.

Sl No	Name of KVK	Name of the variety	Total no of demonstration	Total area covered (ha)	Total no of villages covered	Total no of Awareness programme	Total no of capacity building training	Name of the innovative value-added millet product	Name of the Commercial ized value-added millet products
1	Tirap	Finger millet var. VL-379, 380 and 352.	20	20	4	1	2	Momo, Khichdi, Samosa, Biscuit	Biscuit, Cake, Kheer, Momo
2	West Kameng	VL-78	3	4	4	1	2	Biscuits	Biscuits
3	North Sikkim	Finger Millet variety VL-352	25	10	4	2	1	Sel roti, Dhero, Momo	Momo, Dhero, flakes
4	South Sikkim	VL mandua 253	25	3	3	2	2	Pancake, Dharo, momos & roti	-
5	West Sikkim	VL Mandua-352	50	20	3	1	1	-	-

5. Photographs



Fig 1: Demonstration on finger millet in farmers filed



Fig 2: Different types of local & improved variety of millet



Fig 3: Demonstration on Value added products of millet



Fig 4: Millet exhibition or Millet recipe contest



Fig 5: Awareness on Cultivation of Millets under organic condition