

International Year of Millets - 2023
Mass Awareness Program on Biodiversity of
Millets and Their Nutritional Importance and
Role in Creating Disease-Free Society

30th and 31st March, 2023

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Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy (LIFE)

Loyola College, Chennai - 34



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Dr. M. Selvanayagam

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Lawrence Sundaram Hall

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30th March, 2023 (Tuesday)

09:30 AM - 10:35 AM

Inauguration - 09.30 AM - 10.30 AM

- 09:30 am : *Prayer Song*
- 09:35 am : *Welcome Address*
Dr. M. Selvanayagam
Director
LIFE - Loyola College
- 09:40 am : *Felicitations*
Rev. Dr. Francis P Xavier, SJ
Rector and Vice Chairman
Loyola Institutions, Chennai
Rev. Dr. Boniface Jeyaraj SJ
Secretary and Correspondent
Loyola College
Rev. Dr. Thomas Amirtham SJ
Principal, Loyola College
- 10.00 am : *Inaugural Address*
Dr. R. Ravikesavan
Director
Centre for Plant Breeding and Genetics
& Nodal Officer for Millets
TNAU, Coimbatore
- 10.10 am : *Keynote Address*
Smt. N. Neeraja
Chief General Manager, NABARD,
Chennai.
- 10.20 am : *Dynamics of the Conference*
Dr. V. Pushpa Rani
LIFE - Loyola College
- 10.25 am : *Vote of Thanks*
Dr. S. John Mary
LIFE - Loyola College

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cordially invite to the Inaugural Function of the

International Year of Millets - 2023

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Date: 30-03-2023

Time 11:00 am: Session I

Dr. Ratnavathi, Director, Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR), Hyderabad, Telangana.
"Millets- Super Food for Achieving Nutritional Security"

Time 12:00 Noon: Session II

Dr. E. D. Israel Oliver King, Director Biodiversity, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation,
Chennai. "Integrated Approaches in Conservation and Use of Nutrimillets"

Time 01:pm: Lunch

Time 02.00 pm: Session III

Dr. Vaithialingam, Head of the Department, Centre of Excellence in Millets, Athiyantal,
Thiruvannamalai. "Small Millet Crops and Its Excellence"

Time 03:00 pm: Session IV

Dr. Debabrata Panda, Department of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources,
Central University of Odisha, Landiguda, Koraput.
"High Yielding and Nutrition Rich Finger Millet Genotypes from Koraput Valley of Eastern
Ghats"

Time 04:00 pm: Tea

Time 04:15 pm: Oral Presentation

Date: 31-03-2023

Time 09:30 am: Session V

Dr. Jinu Jacob, Scientist, Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad, Telangana.
"Nutritional Status and Health Benefits of Millets"

Time 10:30 am: Coffee

Time 11:00 am: Session VI

Dr. Vetrivendhan Mani, Senior Scientist (Genetic Resources), International Crops Research
Institute for the Semi Arid Tropics, Hyderabad, Telangana.
"Millets Genetic Resources for Breeding Climate Resilient Nutrients Dense Cultivars"

Time 12:00 noon: Session VII

Dr. K. Jothilakshmi, Assistant Professor, Department of Human Development and Family
Studies, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Community Science College
and Research Institute, Madurai.
"Role of Millets in Our Daily Diet and Nutritional Importance of Millets"

Time 01:00 pm: Lunch

Time 02:00 pm: Session VIII

Dr. A. Nirmala Kumari, Professor (Ret), Centre of Excellence in Millets, Tamil Nadu
Agricultural University, Athiyandal, Tiruvannamalai.
"Small Grains Huge Benefits"

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VALEDICTORY FUNCTION

Date and Time : 30th March, 2023, 03:00 - 04:00 PM

- 03:00 PM** : Prayer Song
- 03:05 PM** : Welcome Address
Dr. M. Selvanayagam
Director and Convener
LIFE - Loyola College
- 03:10 PM** : Feedback Session
- 03:15 PM** : Valedictory Address
Dr. J. A. Charles
Deputy Principal
Loyola College
Chennai
- 03:30 PM** : Vote of Thanks
Dr. S. John Mary
LIFE - Loyola College
- 03:35 PM** : High Tea

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