

Centre to promote millets in Dharwad

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DHARWAD: Millet Network of India (MINI) will set up a millet centre here on the occasion of its first anniversary. The centre will be inaugurated on June 5 on Bala Balaga campus at Malamaddi here.

Basavananda Swamy of Nature Therapy Centre at Shirur in Bagalkot district will inaugurate the centre at 4 pm. Nirmala Enagi, head of food science and nutrition department, Rural Home Science College, University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS, Dharwad), and Shanthakumar, associate professor, Main Agriculture Research Station (UAS), will speak on the significance of millets.

Atmadeepa, an organization for health and environment, and Centre for Agricultural Media will jointly organize the programme. MINI convener and director of Deccan Development Society, P V Sateesh, and Atmadeepa president Sanjeev Kulkarni will be present.

An exhibition of millet varieties will be held on the occasion. Millet dishes will also be served, a release said.

"The centre proposed here will initiate various activities to popularize millets and restore their use in daily life," said CAM director Anitha Pailoor.

Inaugurated on June 5, 2008, in Hyderabad, MINI has more than 90 members in 12 states. MINI's goal is to restore for millets their lost status and glory on the farming, food and cultural landscape of India.