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Dharwad to host millet food festival from today

Staff Correspondent

Millets are gradually disappearing from the menu

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Millets are an important ingredient in a variety of dishes, particularly in north Karnataka.

DHARWAD: Millet Network of India (MINI) has organised a food festival on Tuesday to popularise the use of millets in one's daily diet.

The programme is co-hosted by 'Atmadeepa', an organisation working in the field of health and environment and the Centre for Agricultural Media (CAM).

The one-day food festival will be held at the Alur Venkatarao Samskrutika Bhavana, DC Compound, Dharwad, during which an exhibition of millet varieties and millet recipes would be arranged apart from distribution of millet dishes.

Millet, which once formed the staple diet of the people of this region, had gradually disappeared from the food menu. Although rich in nutrients, the cultivation of millets had gone down following the problems after harvesting. The food festival aims at sensitising people and farmers, on how the use and cultivation of millet could be profitable.

Deputy Commissioner of Dharwad, Darpan Jain, would inaugurate the food festival at 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

On the occasion, prizes for the winners of a State-level millet recipe competition would be distributed and a book titled Siridhanya: Susthira

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Krushi, Ahara Bhadragege Adhara will be released.

As part of the event, resource persons L.G. Hiregoudar, head of K.H. Patil Krishi Vijnan Kendra, Hulakoti, head of BAIF Dharwad, H. Prakash, and head of Department of Food Science and Nutrition of Rural Home Science College of UAS, Dharwad, will deliver lectures on the significance of using millets in daily food.

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