

MILLET SISTERS PLEDGE

We the millet sisters, from different parts of the country came together on this auspicious day of the launch of the National Network of Millet Sisters to celebrate our traditional knowledge and the age old practice of millet based biodiverse farming.

On recognizing that our traditional knowledge is being swayed away by the corporate led agricultural policies, we stood strong together to fight against the companies from taking over the control on our seeds and our farming. As women we take into our hands not only the responsibility of ensuring the health and nutrition of our families, but also the livestock, our soils and the land by cultivating, consuming and conserving millets which have made us stand on our own feet.

We the millet sisters take an oath that

- We will **Protect and enhance the traditional seed varieties.**
- We will **Actively promote millet based biodiverse agriculture.**
- We will **Increase the production and use of natural fertilizers such as farmyard manure, Vermicompost, Panchagavya etc and will totally eliminate the use of chemical pesticides in farming.**
- We will **create healthy and fertile soils.**
- We will **create and increase the availability of cattle on the farming landscape.**
- We will **promote farming systems that enhance human health.**
- We will **create vibrant farmer led market for millets and ecological produce from small farmers.**
- **Through all these actions, we will protect our ecology and environment.**