

Embassy of India

Bishkek

International Year of Millets 2023

Press Release

The Embassy organized Millets Promotional Events from 12-16 June, 2023 to mark the International Year of Millets 2023 (IYM 2023). Millet-based processed food products from the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), India, were displayed in the Embassy premises during this period.

2. A Millet Food Festival and a workshop was organized on 14 June, 2023. Representatives from the Kyrgyz government, hospitality industry and local media participated in this event.

3. Ambassador Shri Arun K. Chatterjee addressed the gathering. He mentioned that the vision and initiative of Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi led to the UN General Assembly declaring 2023 as the International Year of Millets at its 75th session in March 2021. He added that this had received support from more than 70 countries from all over the world. He highlighted the benefits of millets for the consumers, the cultivators and the climate. He informed that as the Chair of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, India organized a seven-day Millets Food Festival of the Member Nations of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Mumbai, India, from 13-19 April, 2023 to commemorate IYM 2023. Three Chefs from the Kyrgyz Republic participated in this Event.

4. Shri. Shiv Mohan Singh, Second Secretary, made a presentation on Millets in which he highlighted the utilities and health benefits of millets, India's share in the global production of millets and the scope for cooperation between India and the Kyrgyz Republic in this sector. The displayed products attracted attention and appreciation from the participants.

5. In addition, soft copies of the following two millets-based Indian recipe booklets were also shared with the participants: (i) Millets International Recipes: A Culinary Journey of Tradition and Innovation; and (ii) Millet Recipes: A Healthy Choice.

6. Millet based Indian cuisines were served to the participants such as Barnyard Pulao, Millet Veg Kathi Roll, Millet Chicken Kathi Roll, Buckwheat Paratha and Puri.

7. The event was also publicized through the social media handles of the Embassy.

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