



District Level Agriculture Products Fair in Kandhamal District of Odisha



Agriculture Minister visit to Millets stall

A District level agriculture products fair conducted in the Kandhamal District by ATMA on 5th & 6th July 2017. Mr Damodar Raut, Minister of Agriculture, Government of Odisha was the chief guest at this event. Event was also attended by Collector & District Magistrate, Deputy Director Agriculture, Deputy Director Horticulture, Chief District Veterinary Officer. This event was also attended by many farmers and department officials. A total of 2000 people attended the event. This fair was conducted to sensitise farmers about the latest technology in agriculture production.

As part of the initiatives in the Kandhamal District, a millet stall was set up in the agriculture products fair. This stall was set up by Programme secretariat with support of Facilitating Agencies of the programme. Multiple millet

products were displayed at the stall. Local seed varieties were also displayed by FA partners i.e. Jagruti and Agramee. DDA Kandhamal shared about the progress of the millet programme in the district with the ShriDamodarRaut, Minister, Agriculture and Collector & District magistrate, Kandhamal District.



ShriDamodarRaut mentioned that reviving of the millets is key to ensuring nutritional security of the *Adivasi* households. He said that all efforts should be made to

increase local consumption of the millets. He said local seeds should be promoted instead of the hybrid or high yielding varieties as they are suitable to situations in Kandhamal district.

Ms Brunda D, Collector & District Magistrate Kandhamal has stressed the need of communitisation of millet farming. She assured that all the relevant support for the millets will be provided by the district administration. Millet stall received positive responses from the attendees.

Over all, the agriculture products fair was huge success and has seen great response from the farmers.