



**POPULARISATION OF IMPROVED MILLET VARIETIES AND MILLET NUTRITION**

**Input details :** KVK re-introduced Millet cultivation with improved varieties in Gadag district which once were popularly grown. Keeping in mind the nutrition aspect of Millet, KVK introduced improved varieties of Millet viz., Foxtail Millet, Little Millet, Kodo Millet, Barnyard Millet, Proso Millet and Browntop Millet through Front Line Demonstrations, awareness programmes, capacity building, extension activities and seed production programmes. The strategy adopted for popularisation is as follows



**Strategies:**

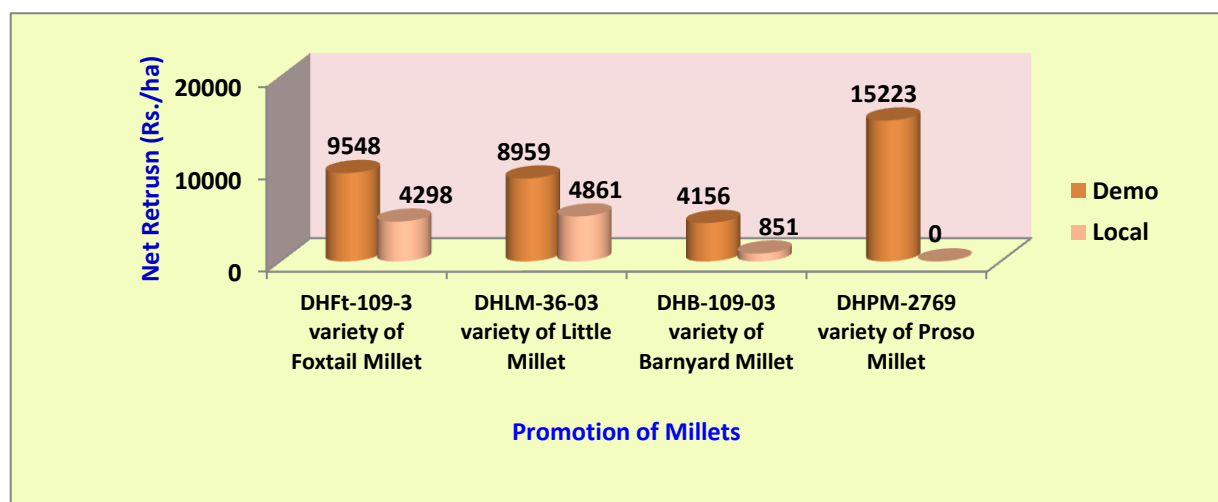
Sl. No	Activities	Area / nos. (hectares)	No. of participants
1	Awareness programmes on Millet	44	1251
2	FLD & EDP on Millets	35	87
3	Capacity building programmes for farmers & extension personnel	64	2252
4	Exhibitions and Millet Melas	13	45000
5	Publications	12	-
6	Supply of seeds	25 Qtls.	1250

**Establishment of Millet Cafeteria and Millet Sale Counter:** KVK established Millet Cafeteria and Sale Counter at its Campus for popularisation of Millet nutrition since 2018-19.



## Output details

Technology (Introduction of new varieties)	Area under FLD (Ha.)	No. of farmers	Yield (Qtl./ha.)		Increase in yield (%)	Net Returns (Rs./ha.)	
			Demo	Local		Demo	Local
DHFt-109-3 variety of Foxtail Millet	20	50	13.50	10.12	33.40	9548	4298
DHLM-36-03 variety of Little Millet	5	12	12.45	10.15	22.66	8959	4861
DHB-109-03 variety of Barnyard Millet	4	10	8.21	6.51	26.11	4156	851
DHPM-2769 variety of Proso Millet	5	12	11.50	-	-	15223	-



There has been an increased productivity of Millets ranging from 22.66 per cent to 33.40 per cent. Owing to good net returns from Millet cultivation, improved varieties have been spread in demonstration and adjacent villages.

**Impact :** KVK interventions have resulted in spread of Millet area under improved varieties in 1500 hectares. About 30 Millet Growers have become entrepreneurs and are supplying processed millet grains to consumers. Millet Cafeteria established at KVK Campus attracts 100-150 people daily and created lot of awareness on Millet Nutrition. The Millet Sale Counter has a transaction of Rs.4.50 lakhs per year.



**DEMONSTRATION OF  
FOXTAIL MILLET CROP**



**DEMONSTRATION OF  
BROWNTOP MILLET CROP**



**DEMONSTRATION OF  
LITTLE MILLET CROP**