



## **“India’s wealth is World’s health-Heralding International Year of Millet”**

To commemorate the International Year of Millets, Kerala RO organised an interactive session on the topic “Millet Cultivation and Value addition aspects” for the benefit of DDMS and RO officers on 31 January 2023. The session was attended by CGM Dr. Gopa Kumaran Nair, GM Shri.R.Shankar Narayan, senior officers, DDMS and other officers from RO.

Shri Prasanth Jagan, Agripreneur/ progressive farmer working in the field of millet cultivation and value addition gave an overview of possibility of scaling up millet production in the state, bringing more farmers under millet cultivation, to explore the possibility of value addition in millet, exploring millets as fodder to cattle, to make millet cultivation more remunerative etc.

It was indicated that the benefits of millet cultivation especially the health benefits have to be popularised in Kerala owing to the reason that Kerala is the diabetic capital of India, with highest prevalence of diabetes among Indian states, more than twice that of national average. In the search for climate resilient solutions, millets could be a crucial link in sustaining the food supply chain especially for the less privileged nations, he added.

Dr. Gopa Kumaran Nair, CGM, NABARD while thanking the guest speaker expressed the scope for more efforts and partnership in popularizing the cultivation of millets in the state and stated that various options are being studied to support minor millets in IYOM 2023.

A few pictures from the session are enclosed below:



*Presentation by Shri Prasanth Jagan, Agripreneur*



*An overview of the participants*