

Awardees Report: International Millet Conference 2025

The International Millet Conference, held from 22nd to 24th January 2025 at Amity University, Noida, recognized outstanding contributions in various categories, celebrating innovation, research, social impact, and culinary excellence. The award ceremony highlighted individuals and organizations making significant strides in promoting millets and sustainable agriculture.

1. Best Innovation Award

- **Mr. Amarnath**, Founder of Enlightlife Science Pvt. Ltd., received the *Best Innovation Award* for his groundbreaking contributions to millet-based innovations, enhancing value addition, and promoting sustainable agricultural practices.

2. Social Impact Award

This award recognized individuals and organizations with remarkable contributions to community development and millet promotion:

- **Mr. Dayakar Rao**, NUTRIHUB-TBI, Hyderabad
- **Mr. Sukharam Dhurve**, Taptiputra Jaivik Sheti Mission Farmer Producer
- **Mr. Kishan Patel**, Mrugraj Junagadh SPNF Producer Company Limited
- **Mr. Hitesh Bora**, Barb Kutch SPNF Producer Company Limited

Their efforts have significantly impacted rural livelihoods, sustainable farming practices, and millet cultivation across diverse communities.

3. Oral Presentation Award

- **Winner:** *Rohini Mattoo* (Online) for an exceptional research presentation showcasing innovative insights into millet cultivation.
- **1st Runner-Up:** *Dr. Charu Gupta* and *Sneha Goswami* for their outstanding oral presentation, demonstrating depth in millet research and applications.

4. Poster Presentation Award

- **Winner:** Ms. *Shambhavi*, CSIR-IHBT, Palanpur, for an impactful poster presentation highlighting advancements in millet technologies.
- **2nd Runner-Up:** Ms. *Prabhnoor Kaur*, PALI, Ludhiana
- **3rd Runner-Up:**

Mr. Navdeep Singh Plaha, AFAF, Amity

And

Garima Yadav, Central University Haryana

These poster presentations showcased innovative research, sustainable practices, and novel millet-based technologies.

5. Best Culinary Award

- **Winner:** *P. Varlaxmi*, B.Sc.(H) Agriculture, Amity Institute of Organic Agriculture, for creating an innovative millet-based culinary delight.
 - **1st Runner-Up:** *Jhanvi Garg, Lochan Soni, & Nishtha Mittal*, M.Sc. Food and Nutrition, Amity Institute of Food Technology
 - **2nd Runner-Up:** *Reenki, Itisha Dhruvwal, Jasinta Haobam*, M.Sc. Horticulture (Post-Harvest Technology), Amity Institute of Horticulture Studies and Research
- Their creative millet recipes promoted nutritional diversity and highlighted the versatility of millets in modern cuisine.

6. Best Exhibition Award

- **Mrs. Meenakshi Singh**, CSIR, was honored with the *Best Exhibition Award* for curating an engaging and informative millet exhibition, showcasing innovative products and sustainable farming practices.

The International Millet Conference successfully celebrated the contributions of these exceptional individuals and organizations, fostering global awareness and appreciation for millets in sustainable agriculture and food security.