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Dated: 27.03.2023

Dear Sir/ Madam,

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of DO letter no. PA/60/2023-ISSNIP dated 13.03.2023 received from Secretary, M/o Women & Child Development regarding observance of Poshan Pakhwada 2023 (20th March to 3rd April, 2023).


2. POSHAN Abhiyaan is an integrated nutrition support program which endeavours to improve nutritional outcomes in pregnant women, lactating mothers, adolescent girls and children under the age of 6 years in a holistic manner. Success of this Abhiyaan comes when behavioural changes at individual and community level are adopted to achieve the desired goals. United Nations General Assembly has adopted a resolution declaring 2023 as the International Year of Millets on the proposal submitted by India to the Food and Agriculture Organization. In consonance with this, the primary goal of this Pakhwada would be to raise public awareness of health benefits of millets and its adoption in addition to sensitizing people about suitability of cultivation of millets in harsh climatic conditions.

3. It is requested that the implementing agencies and the institutions/ schools/ AWCs under the administrative control of your Department may be advised to enthusiastically organise the following activities under the Theme "*Millets for nutritional wellbeing*" under the Poshan Pakhwada 2023 during the month of March-April.

- Awareness session for Adolescent girls connecting Millets with their health.
- School based millets fairs.
- Sensitization drive and outreach activity on nutrition through Millets in minority dominated areas.

4. It would be appreciated if a report on the activities conducted by the implementing agencies/ organisations during the Poshan Pakhwada 2023 is sent to this Ministry.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,  
  
(C.P.S. Bakshi)

To

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