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Q India's push for millets is yet to gain widespread traction. Do you agree with this view? Comment.

↳ India has signalled the beginning of preparations for the International year of millets 2023 designated last year by the UNGA following an initiative by New Delhi.

↳ Millets  
↳ Small grained cereals like sorghum, Pearl millet, foxtail millet etc.

↳ India & millets  
↳ A kharif crop. 3 millets crops are Bajra, Jowar and ragi accounted for 7% of gross cropped area

↳ Importance of millet  
↳ Highly Nutritive value are now regarded as Nutri cereals. Contains higher protein, fat and fibre content

↳ Millets & PDS  
↳ NFSA (National Food security Act) does not mention millets, coarse grain included in Food grains under section 2(5) of the NFSA

↳ As per recommendation, millets be included in PDS in order improve nutritional support.

↳ Millets & MSP  
↳ Government declares a Minimum Support Price for jowar, Bajra & ragi only.

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## ↳ Millet & states

↳ Jowar grown in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan etc.

↳ Production was 4.78 million tonnes.

↳ Bajra → Rajasthan, UP, Haryana etc & production is 4.53 mn tonnes

## ↳ Millet Consumption

↳ NSSO Household survey → less than 10% of rural & Urban HH reported consumption of Millets.

↳ In Urban → monthly consumption was 9 kg

↳ In Rural → 11.23 kg consumption per month.

## ↳ Political Significance

↳ Millet grown in mainly low income and developing countries in Asia & Africa and are Part of food Basket of 60 crore people across globe.

## ↳ Conclusion

Thus the India's push for millet is yet to gain widespread traction. As the cultivation and popularisation of millets in the context of the wider imperative of de-risking the Global Economy.