Revival of Minor Millets in Tamil Nadu

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Millets in Tamil Nadu

- **Major Millets**
  - Cholam
  - Cumbu
  - Ragi

- **Minor Millets**
  - Varagu
  - Samai
  - Thinai
  - Kuthirai vaali
  - Pani varagu
Millets- Issues

- Dwindling area
- Changes in life style
- Increase in Per/Capita income
- Varietal erosion
- Drudgery in processing
- Low-shelf life
- Non-availability
Minor millets – Neglected crops

- Reduction in share - Minor Vs Major millets
- Area growth skewed towards Major millets
- Conspicuous fall in area
- Cumbersome processing
- Non naked millets – Need processing
- Low shelf life
Reduction in share

2001-2015

1988-2001
Methodology

• Time Series data on area under Major and Minor millets
• Time period 1988-89 to 2014-15
• Percentage analysis
• Normalized mean analysis
• Graphical representation
Pani Varagu

- Area under Pani Varagu

* Area under K. Vali*

![Graph showing area under K. Vali](image)

- 1988-93: 16,189.2
- 2010-15: 5,261
Samai

- **Area under Samai**
Varagu

- Area under Varagu
Thinai

- Area under Thinai
Ragi

- Area under Ragi
Cumbu

- Area under Cumbu
Jowar

- Area under Jowar