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Finger Millet for Nutrition, Health and Ecological Security: Increasing Productivity through “SFMI”

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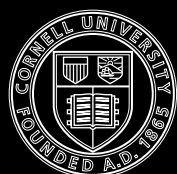
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The production and consumption of finger millet, known as ragi in India, has considerably declined there in the wake of the Green Revolution. It is, however, now receiving revived attention among scientists, farmers and policy-makers. Working together they need to overcome: the warming stress of higher temperatures during the growing season; the water stress of diminished and more irregular rainfall; and the nutrition stress in many Indians' diets, all worsened by the changing climate and economic conditions in most of rural India. Dr. Bhatt has been considering how finger millet productivity can be enhanced through extrapolation of SRI methodologies, possibilities for product diversification and market development, and the impacts finger of millet revival on aspects of social and distributive justice, topics that he will discuss in his presentation.

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