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Constraints faced by tribal farmers on little millet (Samai) cultivation: An analysis

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SUMMARY: The present research was outlined with constraints encountered by little millet cultivating tribal farmers of Tiruvannamalai district. Among 32 districts of Tamil Nadu, Tiruvannamalai district was purposively selected for this study since it is one among the districts where little millet (samai) production is more especially in Jamunamarathur block. The study was conducted in four villages namely Kovilur, Veerappanur, Eriyur and Palamarathur from Jawadhu hills Panchayat Union of Tiruvannamalai district. The sample size entailed of 120 respondents selected from these villages by proportionate sampling method. The respondents were interviewed personally administering a well-structured and pre-tested interview schedule. The statistical tools viz., frequency and percentage analysis were used to analyze data. The constraints encountered by the little millet cultivating tribal farmers were thoroughly analyzed and discussed.

<u>KEY WORDS:</u> Tribes, Constraints, Little millet

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