

SAKSHAM COMMUNITY SEED BANK

Uttar Pradesh, Mathura District



Seed exhibition at the CSB

Photo: Caritas India and ACDSSS.

Saksham CSB was established in 2023 with the support of Caritas India and its local partner Agra Catholic Diocesan Samaj Seva Sansthan (ACDSSS). The CSB is located in the village Anup Nagar in Mathura district, Uttar Pradesh, India.

The CSB is managed by a group of 15 women who are part of a Self-Help Group. Its purpose is to provide farmers with high-quality seeds and improve local varieties to better suit agroecological conditions and adapt to climate change.

Members of the CSB receive support for income-generating activities. The CSB also serves as a learning training platform and farmers have received training in seed management.

At present, the CSB is focused on the conservation of local varieties of millets. In addition, the CSB distributes improved varieties of rice to its members.

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