

# NAV DURGA WOMEN FARMERS GROUP

*Maharashtra, Nagpur District*



*Members of the CSB*

*Photo: Nagpur Multipurpose Social Service Society*

The Community Seed Bank (CSB) was established in 2023 with the support of Caritas India and its local partner, Nagpur Multipurpose Social Service Society. The CSB is located in the village of Kanva in the Nagpur district of Maharashtra, India.

Managed by the Self-Help Group Nav Durga Women Farmers Group, the CSB benefits around 39 families from 2 to 5 villages. The main objective of the CSB is to improve food and nutrition in the area and, within its services, it provides seeds to farmers for their kitchen gardens.

Under the NMSSS JEEVAN-WLEA program, annual local Seed Festivals are organized post-harvest to promote local seed preservation and sustainable agricultural practices. These festivals focus on enhancing farmers' knowledge in seed production and preservation techniques, facilitating seed exchanges, enhancing biodiversity, and building community networks.

Currently, the CSB focuses on conserving local varieties of vegetables, including fenugreek, tomatoes, brinjal, batai, spinach, and pumpkin. Additionally, legumes such as red gram, mung, matki, and beans are also part of the CSB portfolio.

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