

MALALI COMMUNITY SEED BANK

Karnataka, Dharwad District



*CSB members on the formal opening day of the CSB
Photo: Sahaja Samrudha*

The Self-Help Group Yashaswini established a community seed bank in 2023 with the support of the NGO Sahaja Samrudha.

The CSB is located in Malali, Kundagol block, Dharwad district, Karnataka, India. The CSB is managed by the SHG, which consists of a group of 19 women. It benefits approximately 70 households in the village. The main aim of the CSB is the conservation of traditional varieties.

The community seed bank currently conserves around 146 local varieties of cereals including millet (118 varieties), rice (25 varieties), and wheat (3 varieties). Additionally, traditional varieties of vegetables and legumes are conserved at the CSB.

The CSB advocates for natural farming and ensures the distribution of local varieties of seeds to farmers.

The NGO Sahaja Samrudha continues to provide training to CSB members and encourages the CSB members to participate in the seed festivals it organizes.

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