

SHIV SHAKTI COMMUNITY SEED BANK

Madhya Pradesh, Vidisha.



*Community Seed Bank Shiv Shakti
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The Self-Help Group Shiv Shakti established a community seed bank in 2024 with the support of Caritas India and its local partner Manav Vikas Seva Sangh. The CSB is located in Padhaariye Jagir, Vidisha district, Madhya Pradesh, India.

The CSB is managed by the SHG, which consists of a group of 10 women. It benefits approximately 40 households in the village. The seed bank was established to conserve local varieties and to improve farmers' access to seeds.

Throughout 2024, members of the Chanchal Self-Help Group have actively participated in seed festivals, where they have exchanged seeds and enhanced their knowledge of seed conservation.

The community seed bank is now actively gathering local varieties of rice, maize, and oil crops like sesame and mustard, along with vegetables including cucumber, pumpkin, and tomatoes, aiming to enhance biodiversity and support local agricultural practices.

A member of the Self-Help Group has offered her home to function as a temporary seed storage center, facilitating the safe conservation of the collected seeds for the community.

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