

JAY MUTHAVA KISAN SAMUH

Maharashtra, Amravati District



*Members of the CSB
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The Community Seed Bank (CSB) was established in 2018 with the support of the NGOs Jeevan Vikas Sansthan and Caritas India. The CSB is located in the village of Biba in the Amravati district of Maharashtra, India.

The seed bank seeks to enhance food and nutritional security by offering farmers access to high-quality seeds, while focusing on the enhancement of local varieties through the use of traditional methods, thereby fostering sustainable agricultural practices and preserving biodiversity.

The CSB is managed by its members through an elected committee and directly benefits approximately 100 farmers from the village, while also extending seed access to non-member farmers in nearby villages.

The CSB primarily works on conserving local varieties of millet and sorghum while also supplying farmers with some improved varieties of millet.

Jeevan Vikas Sansthan provides ongoing training to members of the CSB, with an emphasis on organic farming practices, thereby equipping farmers with the knowledge and skills necessary to enhance their sustainable agricultural methods and improve crop yields.

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