

# JIVAN SEED BANK

*Madhya Pradesh, Sidhi*



*Crop Diversity  
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The Community Seed Bank (CSB) was established in 2023 by the Village Development Committee. The CSB is located in the village of Karimati in the Sidhi district of Madhya Pradesh, India.

The CSB is managed by a Self-Help Group and serves approximately 15 households in the village.

The primary aim of the CSB is to conserve local varieties of various crops while enhancing farmers' access to high-quality seeds, thereby promoting agricultural sustainability and improving crop yields in the community.

Through the CSB, farmer members also gain knowledge about government programs.

The seed bank plays a vital role in conserving traditional varieties of millet and a range of vegetables, including ladyfinger, eggplant, spinach, and tomatoes, as well as fruits like papaya, moringa, guava, jackfruit, and bel. In addition, members of the CSB can access two improved varieties of rice.

The CSB offers training sessions to both members and non-members, promoting knowledge sharing and skills development in sustainable farming practices.

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