

PATHER SATHI KRISHAK DAL

West Bengal, South 24 Parganas.



*Farmer member of the CSB
Photo: Indraprastha Srijan Welfare Society*

This CSB was formally established in 2023 with the support of the NGO Indraprastha Srijan Welfare Society (ISWS). This CSB is located in the village of Gurudaspur in the South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal, India.

This seed bank is managed by an elected committee of 10 farmers, ensuring that decisions reflect the needs and interests of the community. Approximately 25 households from the village benefit from the seed bank, fostering organic farming and farmers' food security.

The main aim of the community seed bank is to improve farmers' food security through the conservation and availability of local varieties.

The CSB focuses predominantly on vegetables, and as of 2024, it conserves approximately 16 local varieties of different crops, including pumpkin, green amaranth, bottle guard, spinach, cucumber, bitter guard, arum, green beans, lady's finger, brinjal, snakeguard, ridged guard, basil, hyacinth beans, water amaranth, and yam.

ISWS provides ongoing support to the community seed bank by offering training on climate-resilient livelihoods and strategies for ensuring the long-term sustainability of the seed bank.

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