

# NETAJI SUBHAS KRISHAK DAL

*West Bengal, South 24 Parganas.*



*Farmer member of the CSB*

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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 Paschim Sridhar Pur in the South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal, India.

This seed bank is managed by its members directly through an elected committee that is made up of 10 farmers, and around 22 households from the village benefit from the CSB.

The primary aim of the community seed bank is to enhance access to quality seeds that are resilient to climatic conditions, ensuring food and nutrition security for farmers. By focusing on enhancing these local varieties, especially of vegetables, the seed bank seeks to empower farmers with reliable resources that support sustainable agriculture and improve their livelihoods.

As of 2024, it conserves approximately 17 local varieties of different crops, including pumpkin, spinach, bottle guard, brinjal, green amaranth, green beans, cucumber, lady's finger, bitter guard, snake guard, arum, ridged guard, basil, hyacinth beans, water amaranth, yam, and papaya.

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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