

# SITARAM SEED BANK

*Madhya Pradesh, Vidisha District.*



*Seed exhibition at Vidisha district in a Seed Fair  
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During 2024, the seed bank has been in the process of being established with the support of Manav Vikas Seva Sangh and Caritas India. It is located in the village of Gondpur in the Vidisha district of Madhya Pradesh, India.

Before the establishment of the seed bank, an individual farmer played a key role in conserving local varieties, and today, this farmer manages the seed bank's operations. The primary aims of the seed bank are to continue preserving crop diversity and to make it available to farmers, thereby enhancing food and nutrition security within the community. Approximately 35 farmers from the village are actively engaged as members of the seed bank.

The seed bank conserves a rich diversity of crops, including two varieties each of maize, moong, fenugreek, and pigeon pea, along with six varieties of beans and an assortment of vegetables like eggplant, tomatoes, pumpkin, and bottle gourd. Additionally, two improved varieties of rice have been incorporated into the seed bank's portfolio.

Manav Vikas Seva Sangh supports the CSB by providing training programs focused on seed production and conservation.

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