

DEVMAHARAJ KISAN SAMUH SEED BANK

Madhya Pradesh, Vidisha District



Bottle Gourd
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This Community Seed Bank was established in 2022 with the support of the NGO Caritas India and its local partner Manav Vikas Seva Sangh. It is located in the village of Kolua Jagir in Vidisha District in Madhya Pradesh, India.

The CSB is managed by a SHG and serves 72 members from the village.

The main objectives of the CSB are to restore and conserve local varieties to provide farmers with access to high-quality seeds so that they can improve their food and nutritional security.

Seeds are stored in one of the members' homes and traditional methods of seed selection and conservation are used.

The CSB conserves single varieties of crops such as maize, rice, Bengal gram, green peas, beans, soybean, groundnuts, tomato, eggplant, potato, bottle gourd, onion, coriander, chili, mango, black plum, carrots, radish, sweet potato, soybean, mustard, chili, coriander, ginger, onion, and garlic.

Manav Vikas Seva Sangh supports the CSB through training in seed production and conservation. In addition, CSB members participate in field school training to enhance their knowledge of agricultural practices.

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