

DHARTARI MAHILA BACHAT GHAT

Maharashtra, Palghar District



Millet

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The Community Seed Bank (CSB) was established in 2023 with the support of Caritas India. It is located in the village of Kinavli in Palghar District in Maharashtra, India.

The CSB is managed by a Self-Help Group (SHG) and consists of 15 members from the village.

The CSB aims to improve food and nutrition security in the area by enhancing local varieties.

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

The CSB focuses primarily on the conservation of local varieties of millet, and as of 2024, its members have collected around 50 varieties. The conservation work started before the establishment of the CSB.

CSB members have participated in seed and food festivals organized by the local government to exchange seeds and obtain varieties for the seed bank.

Caritas India supports the CSB through capacity-building programs.

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