

REPORT ON

# COMMUNITY SEED FAIR

## Tarapur, District Dhar, Madhya Pradesh

12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

**BEEJ MAHOTSAV**  
November 2021  
December 2021

Pulses are an inevitable part of our daily diet. To help ensure that conserving the biodiversity of the pulses which can contribute to the safe and healthy diets of people. To display more varieties, exchange of knowledge among the farmers and other stakeholders, PAIRVI is conducting Beej Mahotsava 2021, exhibiting 100+ pulses varieties from different states.

Last year PAIRVI organized a "Seed Fair 2020" in five states. This year we will organize the "Beej Mahotsava 2021" in all five states in November -December 2020.

**MAJOR ATTRACTIONS**

- Farmer will exchange their seeds
- Cultural activities: folk song, folk dance etc.
- Drize distribution
- Seed diversity will displayed
- Agriodulture universities and KVKs will participate
- Experience sharing by scientists and seed savours

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**MADHYA PRADESH** 12<sup>th</sup> November  
**WEST BENGAL** 28<sup>th</sup> November  
**BIHAR** 12<sup>th</sup> December  
**CHHATTISGARH** 15<sup>th</sup> December  
**JHARKHAND** 19<sup>th</sup> December

We have been conserving traditional pulses and oil seeds at Diversity Block of farmer's farm for the past two years. From a handful of seeds we have now reached more than 100 seed varieties (in which more than 50 is native seed varieties) over the years.

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FAO (ITPGR) BSF-IV Cycle Project for India on  
Improving pulse biodiversity in rice fallow areas of tribal belts of Central and East Indian states to bring resilience in the farming practice, provide livelihood support and enhance nutritional level of the tribal population



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## TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

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Male	53
Female	26
Total	79

## BACKGROUND:

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The FAO funded project on “Improving pulse biodiversity in rice fallow areas of tribal belts of Central and East Indian states to bring resilience in the farming practice, provide livelihood support and enhance nutritional level of the tribal population”. This innovative project is implemented by PAIRVI, New Delhi in five states including Madhya Pradesh. The aim of the project is to enhance the availability and on-farm conservation of resilient varieties of pulses (traditional varieties, varieties procured from gene banks as well as under-utilised species of pulses) and oil seeds for cultivation during the rice fallowseason. The project decided to conduct community seeds fair on 12th November 2021 at its project location, Trapur, District Dhar, Madhya Pradesh.

## OBJECTIVES

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The overall objective of this fair is to mobilize the farming community, especially tribal farmers towards diversified pulse and oilseeds cultivation throughout the year in establishing community seeds bank in their locality.

## COMMITTEE AND PARTICIPATION

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There were around 79 farmers from project location and adjacent villages. The following table shows the active participation community leaders to make the community fair successful.

Sl.	Activities ( number of responsible persons)	Name of the committee- members	Contact Number
1	Registration (2)	Pinky Mohre	6267852730
		Aarti Dimoriya	
2	Logistic team (4)	Sandeep Kandare	8109079856
		Santosh Alawa	9630132894
		Aakash Badsare	9617632007
		Virendra Bamniya	8889909475
3	Decoration committee (3)	Santosh Alawa	9630132894
		Pinky Mohre	6267852730
		Aarti Dimoriya	
4	Cultural committee (11)	Kavitabai Kanel	9630980420
		Sheelubai Alawa	9630243090
		Madhubai Muvel	8959407005
		Gourabai Muvel	8815043400

		Radhabai Alawa	6263063607
		Poonambai Alawa	9977160064
		Sumanbai Alawa	9340550425
		umanbai Jaiswal	9111733717
		Archana Nargesh	9755018495
		Kalawati Alawa	9630132894
		Rajaram Osari	9926645902
5	Stall response form fill-up (1)	Rohit Balodiya	9340204534
6	Stall response video (1)	Aakas Badsare	9617632007
7	Face book live (1)	Sandeep Kandare	8109079856
8	Exit interview video (1)	Virendra Bamniya	8889909475
9	Media / news paper publication (2)	Rohit Balodiya	9340204534
		Santosh Alawa	9630132894
10	Overall monitoring (1)	State scientist	9300748208
11	Overall supervision (1)	State Coordinator	6261121779

## FAIR OUTCOMES AND IMPACTS

The following shows the immediate outcome of this event -

- There was total 10 stalls presented by the farmers and displayed diversified local seeds of 19 crops and 33 varieties. Some of the farmers also exchange their seeds. Table shows the diversification among 10 stalls.

SL	Diversified seeds	Number of varieties	Stalls No.
1	Gram	3	1 to 10
2	Mustard	1	
3	Moong	3	
4	Til / Niger	1	
5	Cotton	2	
6	Alsi	1	
7	Dhaniya	1	
8	Arhar	1	
9	Maize	2	
10	Wheat	5	
11	Rais	1	
12	Lahsun	2	
13	Maithi	1	
14	Urad	1	
15	Chawla	3	
16	Jwar	2	
17	Moongfali	1	
18	Soyabean	1	
19	Mahua	1	
	19crops	33 Varieties	

- There were more than 79 farmers participated including 29 women farmers in the fair and they realized the important of seeds and benefits of pulse cultivation as well.

- Almost **24 farmers received different kinds of seeds ( ½ kg to 1kg) from the project.** The farmers and other stakeholders appreciated this initiative.

S.No.	Name of the stakeholders	Address
1	Dr. Ashok Kumar Sharma	Dean, Govt. Agriculture college

- The self-efficacy among the farmers increased toward pulse cultivation by using traditional and scientific knowledge.
- Two best stall (Stall no 1) is awarded (Rs. 400/- ) and Stalls ( Stall no 2 and Stall no 6) are awarded (Rs.300/-each) by the project due to diversified seeds displayed and good gathering of farmers.
- There were games and cultural events for the participants to mobilize the farming community. A man and Ten (10) women were awarded (Rs. 200/- each) for active participation in the cultural events. The following table shows the list of those women.

Sl	Name	Phone	Award amount
1	Kavitabai Kanel	9630980420	Rs. 200.00
2	Sheelubai Alawa	9630243090	Rs. 200.00
3	Madhubai Muvel	8959407005	Rs. 200.00
4	Gourabai Muvel	8815043400	Rs. 200.00
5	Radhabai Alawa	6263063607	Rs. 200.00
6	Poonambai Alawa	9977160064	Rs. 200.00
7	Sumanbai Alawa	9340550425	Rs. 200.00
8	Sumanbai Jaiswal	9111733717	Rs. 200.00
9	Archana Nargesh	9755018495	Rs. 200.00
10	Kalawati Alawa	9630132894	Rs. 200.00
11	Rajaram Osari	9926645902	Rs. 500.00

- The community contributed in providing free wage during miking / fair announcement and leveling/cleaning the fair ground. The community members and local gram panchayat (GP member) also contributed in distributing free masks and sanitization.
- The community especially tribal farmers (52) are benefitted from the community seeds fair in the terms of the following contexts.

Benefited community	Reasons
Farming community especially Tribal Farmers.	Traditionally tribal community is calm and shy. This fair broken that shackle and they actively participated and shared their experiences with others.
	Most of the stalls are owned by tribal farmers. Their hidden knowledge shared and exchanged with others during the fair.
	The ground voice of community and tribal farmers are recognized and respected by the PAIRVI and Media persons. It increased their aspiration level which will also be helping them to adopt pulse and oil seeds at large scale.
	Network and convergence created between community / tribal farmers and other stakeholders.

	The confidence and trust among poor tribal farmers, rich farmers and service providers built which will be supporting tribal farmers to create the self-efficacy.
	Most of the participants including tribal farmers are aware about CSB- community seeds bank located in their locality and it will help them to access the quality seeds easily from CSB.
	The ownership towards the project supported by PAIRVI created among the tribal farmers.

- Live face book, publication at local news paper and TV news -local channel news etc. disseminated the project purposes and outcomes.

## WAY FORWARD

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- Linkage and convergence created through community seeds fair. The farmers are quite empowered towards pulse cultivation and farmers are planning to cultivate pulses and oil seeds in this winter.
- This seeds fair provided opportunity to the project team to scaling out the pulse cultivation in rice fallow area of different district.
- The project farmers and other stakeholders appreciated the organizer for conducting such unique fair and community seeds bank established by this project is highlighted.

# Annexure 1

## Photos of Seed Fair



## Annexure 2

Face book Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/mahilasanchetna/>

Published in News Paper



## Annexure 3

### Stall/Farmer Response Form

Stall No, Name of Farmers with Address	Crop/Seed displayed	Main crop, Millets, Pulses, Vegetables, Oil	Varieties /Local name	Local (L) / Improved (I)	Major, Neglected, Rare, Wild
1 Kalawati Alawa	Wheat	Main Crop	1544	I	Major
	Bajara	Millet	Deshi	L	Rare or neglected
	Saal (Dhan)	Millet	Deshi	L	Rare or neglected
	Rai	Oil Seed	Deshi	L	Rare
	Rajgeera		Deshi	L	Rare
	Moong	Pulse	Virat	I	Major
	Barbati Chawla	Vegetable	Deshi	L	Rare
	Black Wheat	Millet	-	I	Rare
	Alsi	Oil Seed	Deshi	L	Rare
	Mahua		Deshi	L	Wild
2. Sumanbai Jaiswal	Gram	Pulse	Bitki	L	Rare
	Garlic		Deshi	L	Rare
	Maize	Millet	Deshi	L	Major
	Gram	Pulse	Deshi	L	Major
	Dhaniya		Deshi	L	Rare
	Maithi	Vegetable	Deshi	L	Rare
	Wheat	Millet	Lok 1	L	Major
	Gram	Pulse	Doller	I	Major
3 Gourabai Muvel	Wheat	Millet	1544	I	Major
	Gram	Pulse	Deshi	L	Major
	Garlic		Deshi	L	Rare
	Moong	Pulse	Deshi	L	Major
	Maize	Millet	Kanchan	I	Rare
	Arhar (Tuar)	Pulse	Deshi	L	Major
	Safed Chawla	Pulse	Lobiya	I	Rare
4 Reshambai Muvel	Wheat	Millet	Lok 1	L	Major
	Gram	Pulse	Deshi	L	Major
	Soyabean	Oil Seed	9305	I	Major
	Til	Oil Seed	Deshi	L	Rare
	Udad	Pulse	Deshi	L	Rare
	Jwaar	Millet	Kantoli	L	Rare
	Mahua		Deshi	Local	Wild
	Garlic		Malviya	I	Major
	Maithi	Vegetable	Deshi	L	Rare
Black Wheat	Millet		L	Rare	
5 Poonambai Alawa	Maithi	Vegetable	Deshi	L	Rare
	Moong	Pulse	Deshi	L	Major



	Gram	Pulse	Doller	I	Rare	
	Gram	Pulse	Deshi	L	Major	
	Dhaniya		Deshi	L	Major	
	Chawla	Pulse	Deshi	L	Major	
	Wheat	Millet	Puna	I	Major	
	Rai	Oil Seed	Deshi	L	Rare	
	Til	Oil Seed	Deshi	L	Rare	
6	Subhadrabai Kanel	Maiz	Millet	Deshi	L	Major
		Chawla	Pulse	Deshi	L	Major
		Gram	Pulse	Bitki	L	Rare
		Rai	Oil Seed	Deshi	L	Rare
		Maithi	Vegetable	Deshi	L	Rare
		Dhaniya		Deshi	L	Major
		Wheat	Millet	Shriram	L	Major
		Til	Oil Seed	Deshi	L	Rare
		Moong	Pulse	Deshi	L	Major
		Garlic		Deshi	L	Rare
		Jwaar	Millet	Kantoli	L	Rare
		Soyabean	Oil Seed	Samrat	I	Major
		Saal (Dhan)		Deshi	L	Rare
7	Selubai Alawa	Moongfali	Oil Seed	Deshi	L	Major
		Mahua		Deshi	L	Wild
		Maiz	Millet	6240	I	Major
		Jwaar	Millet	Deshi	L	Rare
		Wheat	Millet	Lok – 1	L	Major
		Soyabean	Oil Seed	9305	I	Major
		Arhar (Tuar)	Pulse	Deshi	L	Major
8	Dilip Alawa	Cotton	Main Crop	Kaveri	I	Major
		Wheat	Millet	1544	I	Major
		Gram	Pulse	Deshi	L	Major
		Maithi	Vegetable	Deshi	L	Rare
		Maize	Millet	Deshi	L	Major
		Garlic		Deshi	L	Major
		Til	Oil Seed	Deshi	L	Rare
		Urad	Pulse	Deshi	L	Rare
9	Dayabai Muvel	Gram	Pulse	Doller	L	Major
		Arhar (Tuar)	Pulse	Deshi	L	Rare
		Chawla	Pulse	Deshi	L	Major
		Cotton	Major Crop	Kaveri	I	Major
		Wheat	Millet	1544	I	Major
		Til	Oil Seed	Deshi	L	Rare
		Jwaar	Millet	Deshi	L	Rare
		Moong	Pulse	Deshi	L	Rare
10	Mahesh Kanel	Wheat	Millet	Lok – 1	L	Major
		Maize	Millet	Kanchan	I	Major

	Cotton	Major Crop	Rashi – 1	I	Major
	Arhar (Tuar)	Pulse	Deshi	L	Major
	Moong	Pulse	Deshi	L	Rare
	Urad	Pulse	Deshi	L	Rare
	Chawla	Pulse	Deshi	L	Rare
	Maithi	Vegetable	Deshi	L	Rare
	Garlic		Deshi	L	Rare

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