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- A young seed expert has been hired to lead the project.
- Varieties of okra, sweet maize, gourds, gongura, onion, amaranth, chilly, and tomatoes are being produced at the center.
- 3,000 seeds were distributed to women farmers on women's day, and 100 people have received seeds from the center.
- Six seed savers in the state met and are in the process of creating a network for paddy seeds (rice) with other seed savers.
- Two seed trainings have been held, as well as one training for youth on seed laws and the importance of native seed conservation and control by communities.



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