

Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK)

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The Union Minister of Women and Child Development (WCD) and Textiles along with Bill Gates, co-chair of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation launched the Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK)

Key Highlights

- The BPKK will be a **repository of diverse crops across 128 agro-climatic zones in India for better nutritional outcomes.**
- At the request of the Ministry of WCD, the **Harvard Chan School of Public Health through its India Research Center and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will document and evaluate promising regional dietary practices** and the messaging around them and develop a food atlas on regional agro-food systems. Both efforts are aimed at mobilizing the diverse sectors of the society.
- **In consultation with the Ministry of WCD and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the project team will select around 12 high focus states** which are representative of the geographical, social, economic, cultural and structural diversities of India.
- In each of the states or group of states, the team will identify a local partner organization which has relevant work experience in **Social and Behavior Change Communication** (SBCC) and nutrition for developing the food atlas.