

Conservation of traditional variety of *Tinda* (round gourd) by Kir community



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Kir/Kher community lives in the outskirts of Med village of Viratnagar tehsil of Jaipur. Med is located at the bank of the Banganga river. The community raises traditional *tinda* (round gourd) variety for the past 35 years and has conserved it so far for good yield attributes. The women folk of the community play an important role in agriculture. The community inherited this variety from their ancestors. For conserving this variety they adopted selection criteria and selected the characters viz. big size of fruits and dark green colour with hairy skin.

The fruits of this traditional variety of *tinda* are tender, delicious in taste, flat round in shape and weighs around 100 to 200g at the time of harvesting. The variety is superior in terms of yield and quality as compared to other commercially cultivated varieties. Fruits of this variety are famous as “Sahapur tinda” in Jaipur and surrounding areas.

