



AGRO SAMACHAR

April, May and June 2026

A Quarter of Growth, Learning, and New Beginnings

The second quarter of 2026 was defined by growth.

Not growth measured only by numbers or expansion into new regions, but growth reflected in stronger partnerships, deeper learning, and new opportunities to strengthen the support systems around small and marginal farmers.

From connecting farmers with consumers and strengthening rural value chains, to expanding into new geographies and building organisational capacity, this quarter (April-June) marked an important step forward in our journey.

Here is a reflection on what shaped the last three months at AGRO RANGERS.

April 2026

Connecting Farmers, Markets, and Consumers

April was a month of building stronger connections across the agricultural ecosystem. While our field teams continued working closely with farmers through plantation monitoring, field visits, and ongoing support, we also had opportunities to engage with people and organisations interested in sustainable agriculture.

We participated in both the **Vasundhara Dhanya Mahotsav** and the **Earth Souk Organic Farmers Market** in Pune, where visitors interacted with our team, explored farm-based products, and learned more about agroforestry and regenerative farming practices.

April also marked the inauguration of the **RSVC Grain Cleaning Unit**, an important addition to strengthening local value chains and supporting farmers beyond production alone.

Alongside these activities, our team participated in the **2nd workshop of the TaRa AtmaNirbhar Grant (TANG)** programme, focused on communication strategy. The workshop encouraged us to think more deeply about how we share our work, communicate impact, and build stronger engagement with stakeholders.



TaRa AtmaNirbhar Grant (TANG) Second Workshop



Vasundhara Dhanya Mahotsav

The month served as a reminder that supporting farmers extends beyond the farm. It also involves strengthening markets, improving value chains, and building greater awareness around sustainable agriculture.

May 2026

Strengthening the People Behind the Mission

As organisations grow, investing in people becomes just as important as investing in programmes. May was dedicated to strengthening the systems, culture, and learning opportunities that support our work on the ground.

One important milestone was the formation of AGRO RANGERS' first **Internal Complaints Committee (ICC)**, accompanied by a comprehensive **POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment)** training session for team members across Pune, Beed, and Parbhani.

As our team grows across multiple locations, strengthening accountability and workplace culture remains a priority.

May also provided an opportunity for the entire AGRO RANGERS team to come together outside the workplace during a **team outing to Ghangad Fort and Pawna Lake**. Light moments and smiles made the outing memorable.

May reinforced an important lesson: strong farmer programmes require strong teams, supportive systems, and a culture of continuous learning.

POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) Training Session



Team Outing to Ghangad Fort and Pawna Lake



Project PRANA

June 2026

Partnerships That Expand Possibilities

June brought several opportunities to deepen partnerships and expand the reach of our work.

A major milestone was the signing of an MoU with **Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Limited (Mahatransco)** under its CSR initiative. Through **Project PRANA: Restoring Degraded Farmlands through Regenerative Agroforestry in Parbhani District**, AGRO RANGERS will work with small and marginal farmers to restore degraded farmland, improve soil health, enhance biodiversity, build climate resilience, and create sustainable livelihood opportunities.

The month also included an exposure visit facilitated by **NABARD's National Centre of Excellence on Rural Sustainable Value Chains**, where CSR, philanthropic, and development sector representatives visited the RSVC Centre in Dhamari to understand agroforestry, farmer capacity building, and rural livelihoods.

We also welcomed the **Persistent Foundation** team for field discussions and project review. June concluded with **Workshop 3 of the TaRa AtmaNirbhar Grant** programme, focused on fundraising strategy and organisational resilience.



Persistent Foundation Team Visit

A New Chapter

Beginning Work in Beed and Parbhani



One of the most important developments this quarter was the expansion of our work into Beed and Parbhani districts.

Both regions face significant agricultural challenges, including climate variability, water stress, and livelihood uncertainty. At the same time, they are home to farming communities with remarkable resilience and determination.

The initial phase of our work has focused on understanding local conditions, engaging with farmers, conducting field assessments, and identifying opportunities where regenerative agroforestry can create meaningful impact.

Every region presents its own realities. Agricultural solutions that work in one context must be thoughtfully adapted before they can succeed elsewhere.

As we begin this journey in Beed and Parbhani, we look forward to learning alongside farmers, building strong local relationships, and co-creating solutions that strengthen both land and livelihoods.

This expansion marks an important step in our effort to bring regenerative farming approaches to more farming communities across Maharashtra.



Bringing Farmer Voices to Larger Conversations

This quarter also provided an opportunity to take conversations from the field to a wider audience.

Siddhesh Sakore was invited to speak at **TEDxMGMU 2026** under the theme **"Ember: One Spark... Endless Possibilities."**

The talk focused on the realities facing small and marginal farmers, the growing importance of soil regeneration, and the role of AGRO RANGERS' in building climate-resilient livelihoods.

For us, this was not simply a speaking opportunity.

It was an opportunity to bring small and marginal farmer experiences into broader conversations about sustainability, climate change, future of the food systems, and rural development.

Watch the TEDx Talk here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_vtHDPwbDrI

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What We Are Seeing on the Ground

Across all our engagements this quarter, several patterns continue to emerge:

- Farmers are increasingly interested in reducing dependency on chemical inputs.
- Diversified farming systems are generating greater interest than single-crop models.
- Drip irrigation adoption continues to improve water-use efficiency.
- Soil health is becoming a more frequent and important part of agricultural conversations.

Most encouragingly, more farmers are willing to experiment, adapt, and explore new approaches.



Looking Ahead

As we move into the next quarter, our focus remains clear.

We will continue strengthening our work with small and marginal farmers.

We will deepen our efforts in Beed and Parbhani while continuing to support farmers across existing regions.

And most importantly, we will continue working towards healthier soils, stronger livelihoods, and farming systems that can withstand an increasingly uncertain future. The challenges facing agriculture remain complex.

Yet every farmer who experiments with a new practice, every partnership that strengthens our work, and every acre that begins its journey towards regeneration remind us why this work matters.

When farmers thrive, communities thrive.

And when soil recovers, everything else has a chance to grow.



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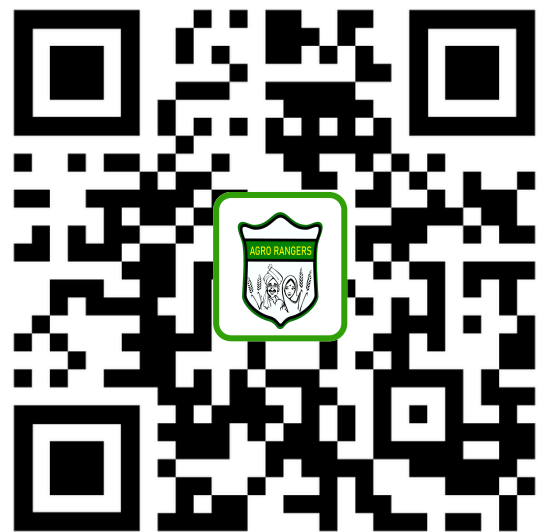
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