

AGRO SAMACHAR



Jan, Feb and March 2026

A Quarter That Strengthened Our Foundations

The first quarter of 2026 did not bring dramatic shifts. Instead, it reinforced something we have consistently observed on the ground: meaningful change in agriculture is slow, layered, and built over time.

Across farms, conversations, and collaborations, one pattern stood out clearly - when soil begins to recover, everything around it starts to stabilise: crops, incomes, and farmer confidence. This quarter was about strengthening that foundation.

At the same time, it was also a financially demanding period for us as an organisation. Navigating cash flow challenges tested our resilience, and during that time, the timely support and trust extended by **Jupiter360 Foundation**, **E S Venkatraman Trust**, **Maeflower Consulting**, and **SVP** stood out deeply. Their support helped us continue our work on the ground when it mattered most.

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



January

Where It Began, and Why It Matters

Every system has an origin point. Ours began with a farmer.

Dadabhau Jachak's farm continues to be a reminder of what long-term, chemical-free farming can achieve. His work shaped our early understanding, but more importantly, it showed us that failure is part of building a working model.

Before one agroforestry system worked, many did not. That process continues even today.

January also created spaces for wider conversations. At **The Big Green Fest in Pune**, we interacted with individuals trying to make more conscious choices in how they live and consume. These interactions matter because they slowly connect urban awareness with rural realities.

January also brought an important moment of encouragement for our team.

AGRO RANGERS was recognised through the **Greenovation SustainAgri Challenge**, an initiative by **EarthON Foundation** in collaboration with **SwitchON Foundation** supporting innovative and climate-resilient agricultural work across India.

The challenge brings together startups, farmer organisations, and non-profits working on practical solutions for issues such as soil degradation, climate stress, and resource inefficiency in agriculture.

For us, this recognition was not only about the award itself, but also a reminder that farmer-centred regenerative models are becoming increasingly relevant in larger climate and sustainability conversations.

At the same time, our work continued to focus on a larger issue - soil degradation. What we are seeing is not just a productivity challenge. It is a deeper system imbalance. Restoring soil is no longer optional for small farmers but is very necessary for survival.



February

Taking the Work Beyond the Farm

In February, our work extended beyond farmers into engagement with external ecosystems.

We hosted the **Persistent India Foundation team** for a full-day field immersion. What stood out was not just participation, but the shift in understanding. When people step onto farms, the conversation shifts from ideas to the realities of effort, uncertainty, and daily decision-making. Farming stops being an abstract idea and becomes something physical - effort, uncertainty, and constant decision-making.

At the same time, farmer transitions continued steadily.

Across villages, more farmers are moving away from input-heavy systems toward diversified agroforestry models. These are not immediate transformations, but early signs are visible - reduced costs, improved soil condition, and more stable crop performance. What is becoming clear is that resilience does not come from a single crop or season. It comes from diversity, soil health, and continuous support.



March

Strengthening How We Work

March was a period of internal strengthening.

Being part of the **TaRa AtmaNirbhar Grant (TANG) Cohort 4** allowed us to step back and reflect on how we design and measure our work. The workshop on Theory of Change helped bring more structure to what we are already doing on the ground.

This matters because, as the work grows, clarity becomes as important as action.

March also brought a sense of consolidation.

As the financial year came to a close, it gave us a moment to reflect on the work done so far and the direction ahead. Much of what sustains this work happens quietly - consistent field visits, farmer guidance, and long-term system building that often goes unseen but remains essential.

What We Are Seeing on the Ground

Across all three months, certain patterns are becoming clearer:

- Farmers are actively looking to reduce dependency on chemical inputs
- Soil health improvements are beginning to reflect in crop quality and stability
- Diversified cropping is helping manage income risk better
- Labour and input costs are becoming more controlled under agroforestry systems
- Most importantly, farmers are becoming more confident in experimenting and adapting

These are not large-scale shifts yet. But they are consistent.
And consistency is what builds long-term change.



Looking Ahead

As we move into the next quarter, our direction remains steady.

Continue working closely with small and marginal farmers

Strengthen regenerative agroforestry models across different contexts

Build systems that support long-term resilience, not short-term output

The work is not fast. It is not always visible.

But it is moving.

And it continues to grow, one farm at a time.



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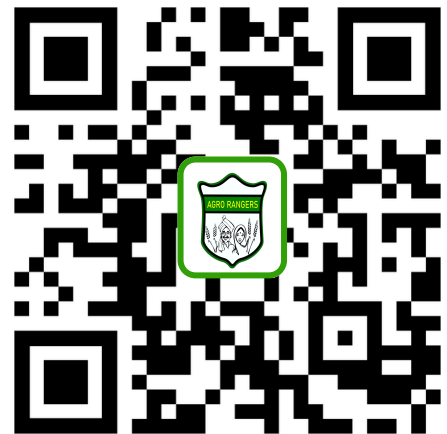
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