



# AGRO SAMACHAR

## October, November and December 2025

**A Quarter That Reinforced Why Soil Matters**

The final quarter of 2025 reaffirmed something we witness every day on the ground. Farming resilience is built long before a crisis arrives. Floods in Maharashtra, farmer conversations, and participation in national and global platforms all pointed to the same truth. Soil health and farmer livelihoods cannot be separated. Here is a reflection on what shaped this quarter for AGRO RANGERS.



# October

October brought severe and unexpected flooding across several districts of Maharashtra. Crops were damaged, livelihoods disrupted, and months of effort were lost within days.

During this period, our work focused on standing with small and marginal farmers and reinforcing a reality we repeatedly observe on the ground. Farms with depleted soil experience deeper damage during climate shocks and take significantly longer to recover.

On 18 October, representatives from The Social Centre and Xavier Institute of Natural Resource Management visited AGRO RANGERS to understand our agroforestry projects and the services provided through the RSVC Centre.



On 04 October, a farmer training programme was conducted at Nimgaon Mahalungi, with participation from 28 farmers. The session focused on regenerative agriculture practices and practical soil health interventions that farmers can adopt on their own fields.

This month, AGRO RANGERS also participated with an information stall at the Rotary Millet Jatra and Gau Vigyan Parishad 3.0. The events provided an opportunity for direct engagement with farmers, practitioners, and visitors. Conversations focused on millets, agroforestry, and resilient cropping systems that reduce long-term risk rather than increase dependency.





# November

## Taking Farmer Realities into Broader Food Conversations

In November, I participated as a speaker on Part 5 of the podcast series Food Security and Shifting Systems.

The discussion explored global food supply chains and the links between food policy, agriculture, and soil health. Many themes echoed the experiences of small-scale farmers on a daily basis, including rising input costs, fragile land, and limited buffers against climate and market risks.

Participating in this dialogue helped bring on-ground farmer realities into broader food security conversations and highlighted the need for policies rooted in soil health and lived farm experience.

## Eaton Agroforestry Plantation

On November 29th, 2025, AGRO RANGERS hosted a sapling plantation drive with the volunteer team from EATON Pune at the farm of Mohan Wadekar in Sablewadi, Pune. The activity covered one acre of farmland, with 320 saplings including jamun, mango, jackfruit, and guava planted to strengthen on-farm biodiversity and future income streams. The engagement also included an orientation on agroforestry practices and a visit to the AGRO RANGERS RSVC Centre, reinforcing the role of corporate partnerships in supporting farmer-led land restoration.





# December

## From Villages to Global Platforms

December was a month of learning, representation, and reflection. From 1 to 5 December, AGRO RANGERS was represented at UNCCD CRIC23 in Panama City. Discussions focused on land restoration, drought resilience, and monitoring progress under global land degradation neutrality commitments. Many themes strongly reflected realities seen across our villages, including declining soil life, increasing pressure on farms, and communities searching for systems that can endure climate stress. This engagement strengthened our understanding of global restoration frameworks and helped align our on-ground work with broader land restoration priorities.







Back home, the month also included participation in Parivartan Yuva Parishad, a state-level initiative engaging young people in conversations around leadership, responsibility, and long-term societal change.

National Farmers' Day served as a reminder to recognise farmers as the foundation of food systems and among the first to face the impacts of climate uncertainty.

AGRO RANGERS is also shortlisted as a Finalist in the NGO Category of the Greenovation SustainAgri Challenge 2025, recognising our work in regenerative and climate-resilient agriculture.

World Soil Day brought the quarter back to the core of our mission. Regenerating soil directly supports farmer livelihoods and long-term farm stability.



# Looking Ahead

As we move into 2026, our focus remains clear and steady.

Supporting small and marginal farmers through climate uncertainty

Designing regenerative systems that reduce long-term risk

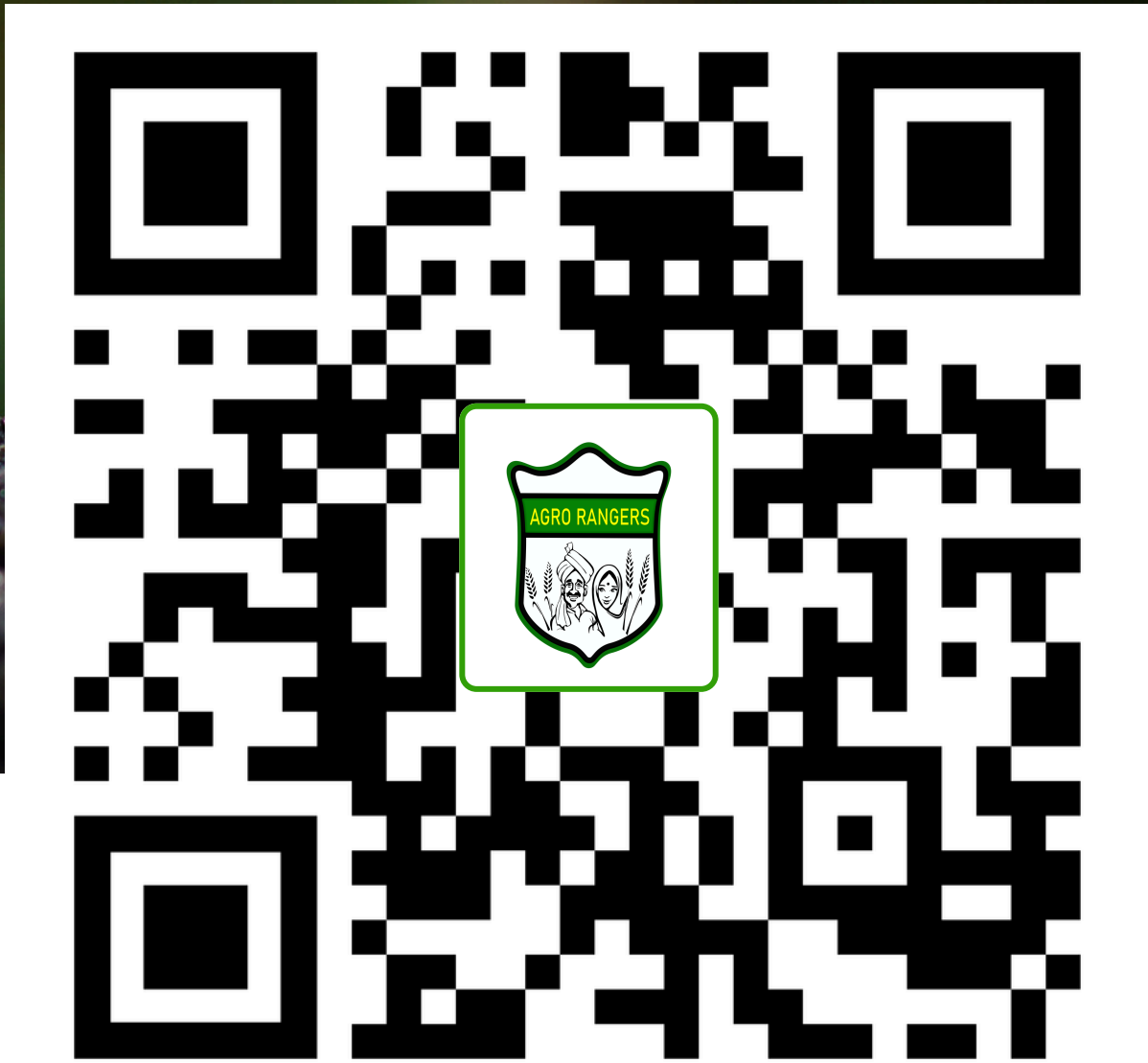
Keeping soil health central to agricultural decision-making

Thank you for being part of this journey, whether as a farmer, supporter, collaborator, or reader.

The work continues quietly and steadily beneath our feet.







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