

# Reflections

Field to Forum

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Preserving Moments | Sharing Learnings | Exploring Collaborations

**A monthly  
glimpse into our  
engagements,  
learnings, and  
collaborations  
with institutions,  
partners, and  
communities.**

**This month reflects  
Ecociate's continued  
focus on deepening  
partnerships, advancing  
field studies, facilitating  
capacity-building  
workshops, initiating new  
engagements, and  
nurturing young talent  
through the IBFL  
program.**

# Partnerships Getting Grounded

Building Foundations for Sustainable Action

## Asia Science Mission

Our #Sanjeevan initiative in partnership with MANT and Datamuse LLC has been selected under the prestigious Asia Science Mission. To be implemented in Purulia, West Bengal, this initiative will demonstrate community co-designed multi-faceted sustainable approaches in building community resilience and improve Livelihoods.

Learn more at:  
[www.sanjeevan.earth](http://www.sanjeevan.earth)

## The Common Ground Initiative

Ecociate is partnering with The Common Ground Initiative / Living Landscape to support the development of a price discovery mechanism for forest-based livelihoods and Non-Timber Forest Produce (NTFP) in Odisha.

This collaboration focuses on improving transparency and strengthening sustainable livelihood opportunities for local communities.



# Studies on Ground

Empowering teams through knowledge and collaboration

Ecociate continued advancing field-based insights through on-ground studies across multiple projects, including CAT, DCM, and AFPRO. These studies are helping us deepen our understanding of community needs and strengthen evidence-based interventions.







# Workshops & Capacity Building

## Empowering teams through knowledge and collaboration

Ecociate actively contributed to key learning platforms this month through the ILDC workshop in Ahmedabad, along with a collaborative NRLM-IDH webinar. These engagements deepened insights across our ongoing initiatives.







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**ISRAC**  
A joint initiative by IDH & NRLM

**Livelihoods to Scalable Businesses for SHG Ecosystem: A Webinar Series by DAY-NRLM & ISRAC**


SUSTAINABLE SOURCING AND PROCUREMENT; EXPLORING MARKET LINKAGES FOR SHGS AND FPOs




**Keynote Speaker**




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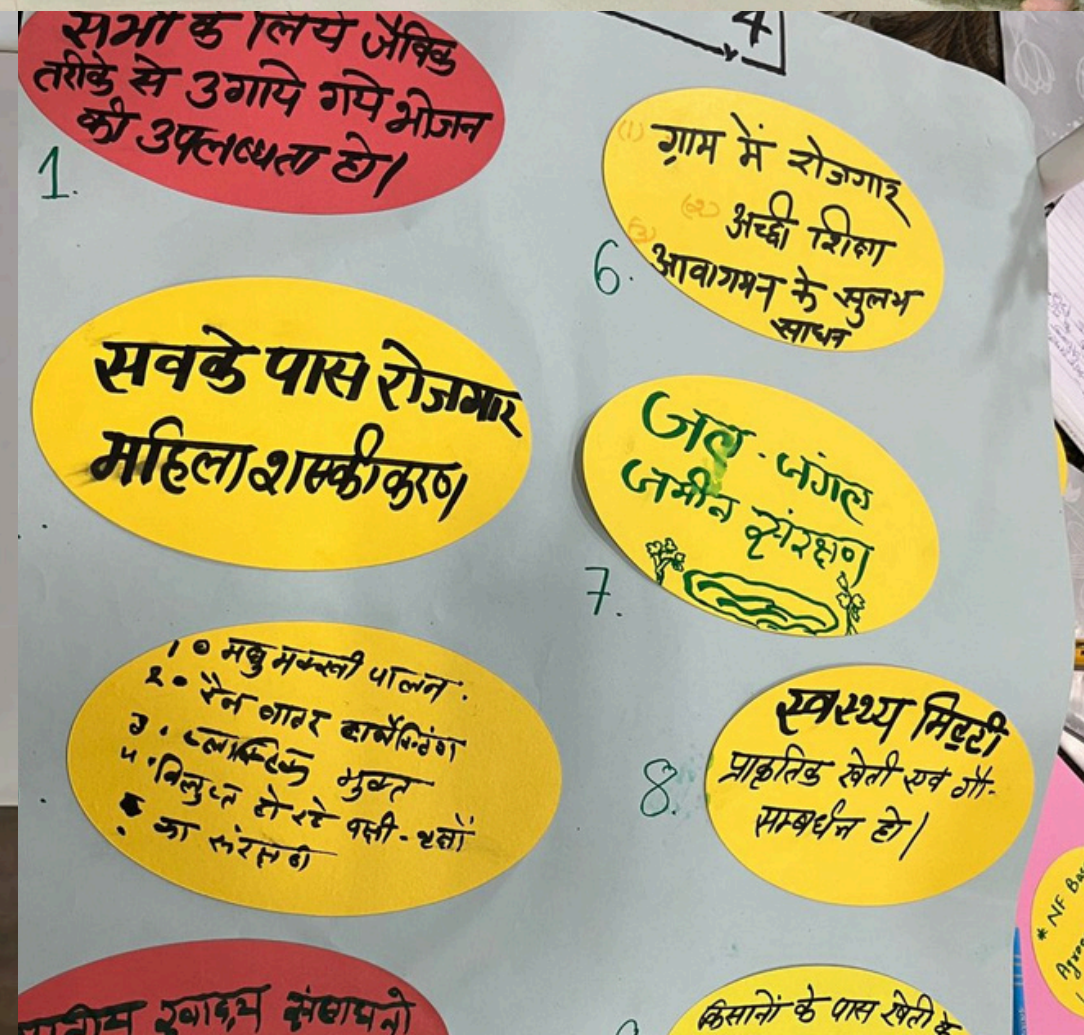
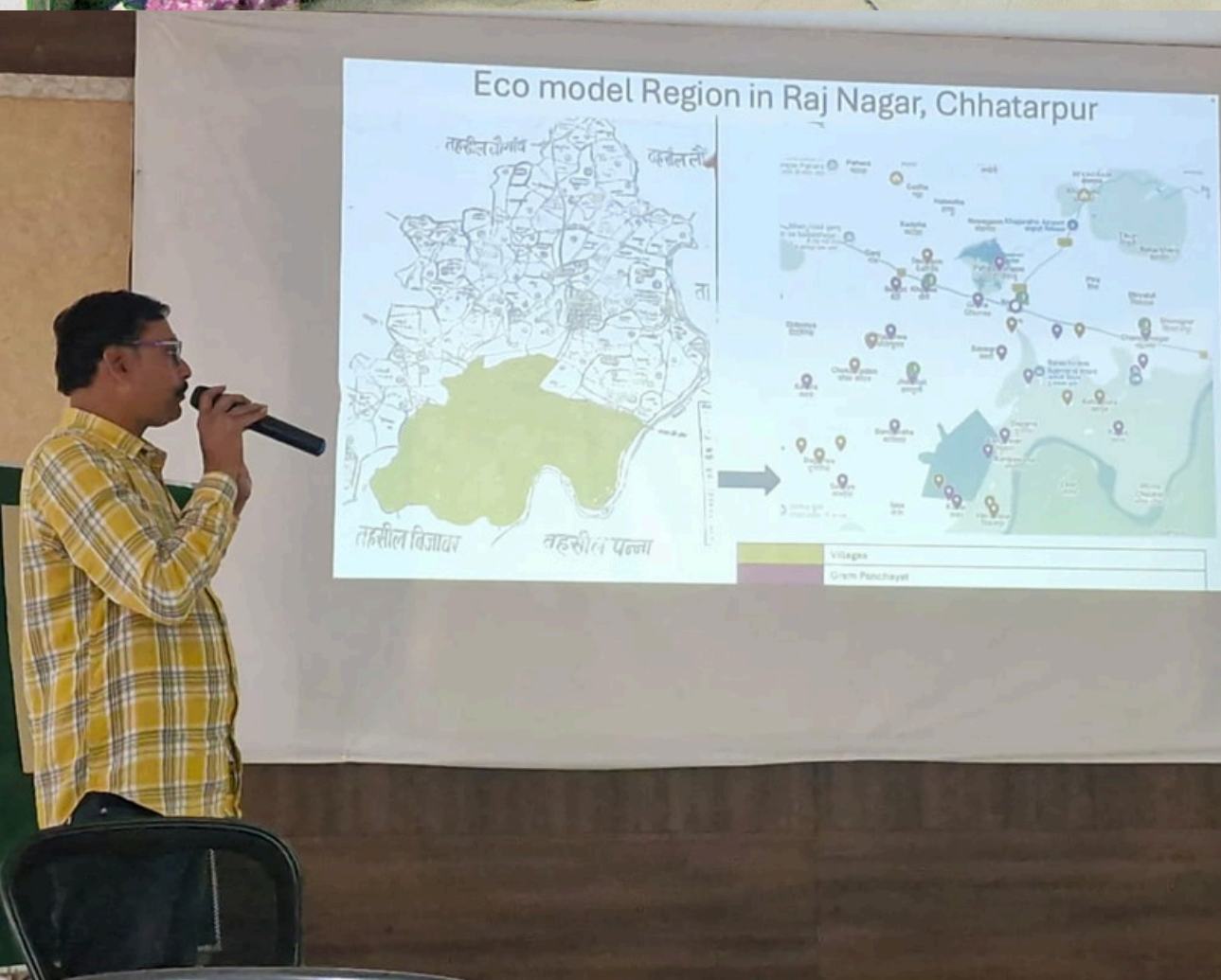
**MR VAMSEEDHAR REDDY**  
Senior Vice President at  
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# Strengthening Food Systems in Chhatarpur

Bringing community insights to the center of food system transformation.

As part of our work on strengthening food systems in Chhatarpur, we organized and participated in stakeholder consultation workshops to identify opportunities for improving the local food ecosystem.





# Advancing Our Work Through New Engagements

## Broadening Our Reach With Purposeful New Projects

We expanded our portfolio this month with new engagements, including the launch of the HCL Foundation project, initiation of the Soil Matters work, and a focused study for the World Food Programme (WFP). These initiatives mark important steps in strengthening our impact across diverse thematic areas.



The baseline study for the Soil Matters Project - Study aims to assess the current agricultural practices, and socio-economic conditions of farming communities in the selected district of across three states—Jharkhand, Maharashtra, and Chhattisgarh. The Soil Matters Project leverage the existing initiative of NABARD JIVA project.



As part of, Project Maati, an initiative of HCL Foundation, Ecociate will conduct value chain studies across the 5 districts of Uttar Pradesh. The findings from this study will support HCL in developing more inclusive, resilient, and profitable agricultural ecosystem for women farmers in these districts.



Conducting a comprehensive Value Chain Analysis (VCA) to Develop a Sustainable & Nutrition Centred Food System for Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.



## IBFL Winter Cohort – Learning in Action

We are delighted to welcome five students to the ongoing winter cohort of the IBFL Internship Program. They are actively engaging in field exposure, research assignments, and hands-on learning to deepen their understanding of inclusive business and sustainable livelihoods.



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