

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, Ecociate advanced inclusive and sustainable development through the launch of the Inclusive Growth Conference (IGC) 2026, progress in the Inclusive Business Awards 2026 with 15 companies shortlisted for the Jury Round, and field assessments across multiple states to strengthen climate-resilient agriculture and livelihood interventions. Through collaborative partnerships, research, and student engagement initiatives, we continue to strengthen inclusive business ecosystems and drive impact across agriculture and food systems.

Inclusive Growth Conference (IGC) 2026

Impacting the Agriculture and Food Systems

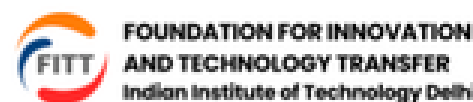
We are excited to launch the Inclusive Growth Conference (IGC) 2026, organized by Ecociate and the Inclusive Business Ecosystem Network (IBEN). The conference will bring together 150+ participants, 30+ expert speakers, and 10 leading partner organizations from across business, government, academia, civil society, and farmer institutions. Focused on advancing inclusive and sustainable growth in agriculture and food systems, IGC 2026 will serve as a platform for dialogue, innovation, and collaboration to strengthen climate resilience, food security, and rural livelihoods. The strong response from stakeholders highlights the growing momentum for collective action and inclusive development.

Registration is now open - <https://forms.gle/cw2NdAcEFnXXajxw7>

INCLUSIVE GROWTH CONFERENCE

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Our Partners



Inclusive Business Awards 2026

Recognizing Businesses that Create Impact.

The Inclusive Business (IB) Awards 2026 continues to gain momentum, with 15 companies advancing to the Jury Round after the initial screening process. The shortlisted organizations represent innovative and impactful inclusive business models across agriculture and food systems and will now be evaluated by our distinguished national and international jury panel.

INCLUSIVE BUSINESS AWARDS 2026

TOP 15

Agri solution & technology



Livestock



Food processing and value addition



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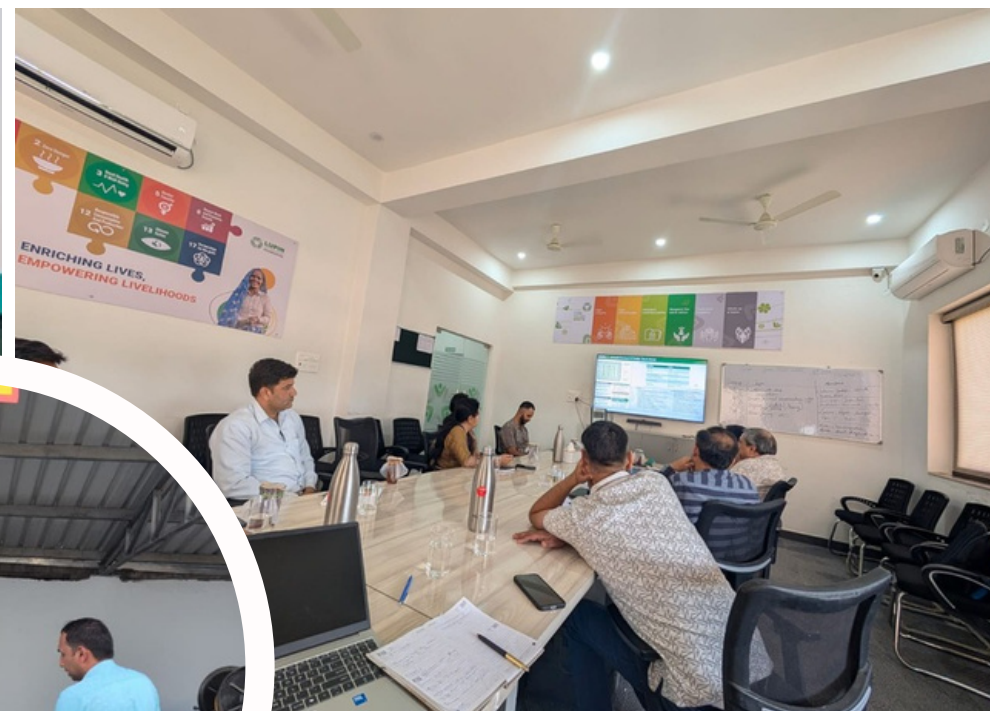
Market Linkage



Studies on Ground

Field Assessment of Horticulture and Agroforestry Value Chains in Alwar

A field visit under the RECAP4NDC project brought together representatives from LUPIN Foundation, GIZ, NABARD, Horticulture department and local FPOs to design agroforestry models for the intervention area. The team also engaged with experts at KVK Alwar to assess the suitability of species such as Amla, Lemon, Bael, and Drumstick for integration into agroforestry systems. Overall, the visit strengthened the technical and institutional foundations for the project's next phase while advancing climate-resilient and livelihood-focused agroforestry solutions.



Studies on Ground

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Under the Common Grounds Initiative (CGI), the Market Price Information System (MPIS) explored ways to strengthen community-led Non-Timber Forest Product (NTFP) value chains in Odisha's Keonjhar and Sundargarh districts. Through field research, stakeholder consultations, market assessments, and pilot implementation, the initiative examined how decentralized market information systems can improve market awareness, enhance negotiation capacity, and support informed decision-making among forest-dependent communities. The project also contributed to developing frameworks for scalable and sustainable market information systems within forest-based livelihood ecosystems.



Actions on Ground

Soil Matters Project: Strengthening Climate-Resilient Agriculture

For the Soil Matters Project, GLZ, our team conducted field visits across Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh as part of the baseline study to assess soil health practices and the potential for scaling natural farming approaches. Consultations with farmers, women SHGs, BRC operators, KVK scientists, and government stakeholders highlighted challenges such as rising input costs, water scarcity, shrinking landholdings, and rural migration, while also revealing growing interest in low-cost natural farming. The study further explored promising models, including Bio-Resource Centres and women-led SHG initiatives, that can strengthen soil health, climate resilience, and sustainable livelihoods.



Actions on Ground

Soil Matters Project: Field Visit to Sindhudurg, Maharashtra

Our team conducted a field visit to Samantwadi block in Sindhudurg, Maharashtra, as part of the Soil Matters Project. Discussions were held with MAVIM-supported Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Community Managed Resource Centres (CMRCs) to understand their role in promoting sustainable agricultural practices. The visit highlighted the operation of Bio-PROM and Biochar units established with support from GIZ, showcasing community-led models for enhancing soil health, resource efficiency, and climate-resilient livelihoods.



Actions on Ground

ASM Sanjeevan Project: Baseline Assessment in Purulia

As part of the ASM Sanjeevan initiative, implemented in collaboration with Ecociate, Data Muse, MANT, and government stakeholders, a baseline assessment was undertaken in Purulia, West Bengal. The study focused on understanding existing farming practices, natural resource use, livelihoods, and migration patterns. Field consultations with communities and stakeholders helped identify key challenges such as water scarcity, climate risks, and low farm incomes, while exploring opportunities for climate-resilient agriculture, sustainable livelihoods, and convergence with government programmes to inform future project interventions.



IBFL Program: Highlights

As part of the IBFL Program, the team of young students visited the Azadpur APMC market and engaged with thoughtful sessions with industry leaders and experts to gain practical insights and experience to bring inclusion within Agriculture and food sector .



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our work impactful.**

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