

Reflections

Field to Forum



June & July, 2026

Preserving Moments | Sharing Learnings | Exploring Collaborations

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

**This month, at Ecociate, we
convened key stakeholders
through the Inclusive Growth
Conference, recognised impact-
driven enterprises at the Inclusive
Business Awards, and advanced
our work across multiple states
through ongoing projects.
Through field assessments,
capacity building, and
stakeholder engagement, we
continue to design and scale
solutions that strengthen
livelihoods and build resilient rural
ecosystems.**

Inclusive Growth Conference (IGC) 2026

Impacting the Agriculture and Food Systems

As we conclude the Inclusive Growth Conference 2026, we reflect with gratitude on a powerful convening of 180+ stakeholders driving inclusive development. The discussions across key themes reinforced the importance of collaboration and innovation in creating sustainable impact. We thank all speakers, partners, and participants for making this a success—marking the beginning of stronger partnerships and continued action towards inclusive growth.



Inclusive Business Awards 2026

Recognizing Businesses that Create Impact.

The Inclusive Business Awards 2026, held during the Inclusive Growth Conference, recognised pioneering organisations that are driving inclusive, sustainable, and scalable impact across sectors. These enterprises exemplify how innovation and business can work together to create meaningful change for underserved communities.

- Humble Bee, Inclusive Business of the Year
- Dvara E-Registry, Inclusive Finance Award
- Raheja Solar Food Processing, Inclusive Technology Award
- Ancient India Organics, Inclusive Marketing Award
- Mercredi Solutions Pvt. Ltd, Jury Choice Award



Ecociate Turns 10

Celebrating Impact and Growth

Ecociate proudly marks 10 years of driving inclusive and sustainable development. Over the past decade, we have worked across geographies to strengthen livelihoods, enable resilient agriculture systems, and support impactful, evidence-based solutions. This milestone reflects our journey of collaboration, learning, and commitment to creating meaningful change. As we step into the next decade, we remain dedicated to scaling impact and building more inclusive ecosystems.



Studies on Ground

RECAP4NDC Field Visit: Advancing Sustainable Value Chains in Maharashtra & Gujarat

As part of the RECAP4NDC initiative, our team conducted a field visit across Nashik, Dhule, Jalgaon, and Surat to assess key agricultural value chains and identify opportunities for sustainable landscape restoration. The visit involved interactions with farmers, FPOs, traders, processors, and local institutions to understand production practices, market dynamics, and value addition potential. Insights from the visit will inform evidence-based strategies to enhance farmer livelihoods, promote agroforestry, and strengthen resilient value chains.



Studies on Ground

Project Sanjivan in Purulia: Community Insights from PRA in Purulia

As part of the Sanjivan Initiative, a week-long field visit was conducted in Manbazar-II Block, Purulia (West Bengal), to undertake Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) across selected villages. The exercises aimed to assess socio-economic conditions, livelihood systems, agricultural practices, natural resources, and market access.

The fieldwork included social and resource mapping, seasonal calendars, daily activity clocks, and focused group discussions with farmers, women, youth, and community groups. These interactions provided insights into livelihood dependencies, agricultural challenges, market linkages, public service access, and local institutions.



Actions on Ground

GIZ Project Update | Food Systems Transformation – Chhatarpur

July focused on advancing food systems transformation work in Chhatarpur through field-based learning and stakeholder engagement. Key insights were gained on nutrition behaviour change, millet promotion, and community engagement, particularly through Anganwadi-led cooking demonstrations. The month also involved interactions with local government officials, retailers, the hospitality sector, SHGs, and ecosystem partners, contributing to stronger collaboration and alignment across stakeholders working on food systems and nutrition.



Actions on Ground

Driving One Health Forward: Launch of the OHA Platform in Sagar

On 17th July, Ecociate facilitated the inaugural meeting of the Interdepartmental Cross-Sectoral Platform for One Health Agroecology (OHA) in Sagar, Madhya Pradesh. Organized under the GIZ initiative in partnership with the District Administration of Sagar, the workshop convened more than 30 representatives from various line departments and supporting stakeholder groups. Together, the participants collaborated to lay out an integrated, cross-sectoral action plan designed to address interconnected human, animal, and environmental health risks across the district.



Actions on Ground

Baseline Study Completed for BAIF Rural Development Initiative

Conducted a Community Needs Assessment for BAIF Institute for Sustainable Livelihoods and Development (BISLD) across 13 villages in Bavla and Sanand blocks, Ahmedabad. The study used secondary research, FGDs, KIIs, and stakeholder consultations to identify key development priorities. Focus areas included climate-resilient agriculture, water management, livestock, women-led livelihoods, rural enterprises, youth skills, WASH, and institutional strengthening. Findings informed an evidence-based roadmap, including a Livestock Saturation Plan and the proposed BAIF Resource Centre and Demonstration Hub.



Knowledge Sharing

EverGrain Project Enhances Post-Harvest Management for Farmers

Implemented the EverGrain Project to reduce post-harvest losses in paddy and wheat across Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Bihar. Activities included a Training Needs Assessment (TNA), baseline study, development of training modules, farmer trainings, digital advisory, and impact assessment. A total of 20 trainings were conducted, reaching 2,200+ farmers (including 350+ women) and ~60 VLEs. The project promoted scientific harvesting, drying, storage, and use of improved technologies, leading to higher adoption of best practices, reduced losses, and improved farmer incomes.



INCLUSIVE GROWTH CONFERENCE

Impacting the Agriculture and Food Systems

24th June 2023 at Habitat Centre



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