

### **Activities**

Volunteers from Tata Bluescope Pune joined us in the reforestation efforts at our Devrai Forest. Before getting hands-on with replantation, they were briefed on our mission and objectives. Their eagerness and commitment were evident as they actively engaged in planting saplings, directly supporting our environmental conservation initiatives. Witnessing individuals from varied backgrounds unite for a shared purpose was truly inspiring, highlighting the significant collective contribution we can make towards nurturing our planet.





On the ocassion of Republic Day, we organised a one-day training session on the efficient utilisation and distribution of organic bio-fertilizers for farmers in the Shirur cluster, as a component of our 'Sahajeevan' Agroforestry initiative.

Queries regarding agroforestry models were addressed, and deliberations on expanding farmer participation in the program took place during the training. The session concluded with the distribution of biofertilizer kits to farmers to enhance soil health.







We welcomed distinguished guests Srishti Singh from UNICEF, Shruti Joshi from the Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES) at AIILSG in Mumbai, Muskan Lodhi from Care About Climate, and Vikrant Srivastava from the Nisarg Foundation to our farm!

Their keen interest in our agroforestry models was evident. We had the opportunity to share with them how our innovative approaches are making a tangible difference in addressing climate change.



SVP Pune and their esteemed partners recently visited us to see our farmers and their vast fields. SVP Pune is supporting us through various HNI and donor connects and was provided opportunity to pitch our project in Pitch Perfect Event at Pune.

Their visit was a great opportunity for meaningful dialogue, firsthand observation, and an enriching exchange of insights. It further strengthened our shared commitment to agricultural excellence and community empowerment.

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During the URVEE Gram Abhiyan, 40 architecture students from the College of Agriculture, Bharati University, Pune, visited AGRO RANGERS for a 5-day immersion. They gained insights into our future expansion plans and are now tasked with developing a detailed construction and development plan for our organization.

Drawing on their expertise and inspired by their experience, these students are set to contribute innovative solutions that align with AGRO RANGERS' commitment to sustainability and community empowerment. This collaboration highlights our dedication to nurturing talent and driving positive change in agriculture.





Vandana Tilak, from Jupiter 360, graced us with a visit to our organization, where she delved deep into understanding the invaluable work carried out by our diligent farmers. We are pleased to announce that AGRO RANGERS has forged a collaborative partnership with Jupiter 360, drawing on their expertise and support to our organization capacity building areas.



intensive Ecological Monitoring Training Program

Siddesh Sakore, the visionary Founder of AGRO RANGERS, participated in an 4 days residential "Ecological Monitoring Training Program' hosted at Azim Premji University.

Our team had the privilege of attending the Agri Export Conclave, organized by the Agriculture Produce Export Conference in partnership with the Forum of Intellectuals and Sahyadri Farmers Producer Limited.

It was an enriching experience, providing valuable insights and networking opportunities to further our agricultural export initiatives.



# Achievements





We were honored to share our journey at the prestigious 'Pitch Perfect' event, organized by the SVP India Pune Chapter at the Sheraton Grand Pune.

With a gathering of more than 130 enthusiastic participants, including esteemed representatives from various CSRs. Foundations. Philanthropists. the individuals, event provided a vibrant platform for 8 NGOs to showcase their impactful narratives. AGRO RANGERS proudly stepped onto the stage, recounting our compelling journey from modest origins to the notable strides we've taken. dedicated to enhancing our nation's agricultural domain.

# अभियंता बनला शेतकऱ्यांसाठी रोलमॉडेल

# शेतकऱ्यांमध्ये नैसर्गिक शेतीची जनजागृती; सिध्देश साकोरे देतात आर्थिक पाठबळ

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शिवनेरी : पुढारी वृत्तसेवा मेकॅनिकल इंजिनिअर असलेल्या शिरूर तालुक्यातील केंद्र गावच्या सिद्धेश साकोरे या तरुणाने नोकरीची कास न धरता गावात राहुन नैसर्गिक शेती करण्याचा व आपल्या परिसरातील शेतकच्यांना नैसर्गिक शेतीचे महत्त्व पटवून देण्याचा निर्णय घेतला.

या उद्देशानेच त्याने ॲग्रो रेंजर्स संस्थेची स्थापन केली. या संस्थेच्या माध्यमातून सिध्देश आज पंचक्रोशीतील शेतकर्यांना नैसर्गिक शेतीचे महत्त्व पटवून देत आर्थिक



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पाठबळदेखील देण्याचे काम करत आहे. स्वतःच्या पडीक रानमाळात त्याने ॲग्रोफॉस्ट्री म्हणजेच मिश्रफळ-पीक बाग लागवडीचे मॉडेल विकसित केले आहे.

शिरूर तालुक्यातील केंद्र गावचा सिद्धेश साकोरे याने अंब्रो रेंजर्स संस्थेची स्थापन करून आपले सहकारी जयदीप सरोदे व अन्य 46 गेले वर्षभरात शिरूर, आंबेगाव आणि खंड तालुक्यातील ७० ते ८० शेतकर्यांना ९० टक्के अनुदानावर ऑग्रोफारैस्ट्री मॉडेल विकसित करण्यासाठी प्रोत्साहन देण्यात आले आहे. पुढील वर्षभरात शेतकर्यांची ही संख्या २०० ते २५० पर्यंत वाढविण्यात येणार आहे. शेतकर्यांनी पुन्हा एकदा नैसर्गिक शेतीकडे वळावे, मातीची गुणवत्ता सुधारावी व शेतकर्यांचा आर्थिक विकासदेखील व्हावा, या उद्देशानेच आम्ही हे काम करत आहोत.

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सहकाऱ्यांच्या मदतीने सध्या शिरूर, खेड आणि आंबेगाव तालुक्यातील शेतकऱ्यांसोवत शेतजिमनीच्या मातीची गुणवत्ता सुधारविण्याकरिता आणि शाश्वत उत्पादन मिळविण्यासाठी काम सुरू केले आहे. मागील वर्षभरात तब्बल १०० एकर जिमनीवर त्यांनी काम केले आहे. या जिमनीवर ऑग्रोफॉरस्ट्री म्हणजेच मिश्रफळ-पीक बाग लागवडीसाठी

शेतकऱ्यांना त्यांनी मदत केली. शेतकर्यांना नैसर्गिक शेतीचे महत्त्व पटवून देत असताना फळझाडे, नैसर्गिक बी-बियाणे वाटप करणे, ड्रीपची सुविधा निर्माण करून देणे, जैविक खते, कंपोस्ट खते देखील मोफत वाटप केली जातात. एवढेच नाही, तर शेतकर्यांना आपल्या शेतात तयार होणारा शेतीमाल विक्रीसाठीदेखील मदत केली जाते. गेल्या अनेक वर्षांपासून बेसुमार खते-औषधे वापरून मातीची ढासळलेली गुणवत्ता पूर्ववत करणे व शेतकर्यांचे उत्पादन दोन लाखापर्यंत वाढविणे या उद्देशाने सिध्देश सध्या आपल्या संस्थेच्या माध्यमातून काम करीत आहे. मागील वर्षभरात शिरूर, खेड आणि आंबेगाव तालुक्यातील ७० ते ८० शेतकऱ्यांच्या शेतात ॲग्रोफॉरेस्टी विकसित करण्यात आली असन तब्बल ४० हजार फुलझाडांची लागवड करण्यात आली आहे. यात प्रामुख्याने आंबा, लिंबू, आवळा, सीताफळ, चिकू, पेरू, चिंच, डाळिब, शेवगा, पपई आणि इत्यादी विविध ३० प्रकारची जैवविविधता असलेली झाडे लावण्यात आलेली आहे. शेतीतील रोजगार निर्मितीसोबतच शेतकरयांचा आर्थिक विकास करणे हाच उद्देश घेऊन सिद्धेश सध्या काम

The Agroforestry project and the remarkable efforts of the AGRO RANGERS have gained significant recognition in the pages of Pudhari Newspaper.





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