



At kalrav, bird festival in Nagi Nakti Dam

"The Earth is what we all have in common." — Wendell Berry

Founder's Note: Rooted in learning. Growing through action. Moving together.

Dear friends and supporters,

The first quarter of the year was a time of learning, grounding, and asking important questions. As we moved through fellowships, trainings, and exposure visits, I was reminded that strong work begins with clarity—about purpose, systems, and the way we choose to grow.

This period allowed us to step back, learn from others, and reflect on our own practices. Conversations around leadership, communication, and organizational responsibility helped lay a foundation not just for projects, but for how we show up in communities and with the land.

I am grateful to our donors, partners, and team for supporting this phase of learning and preparation. These early months quietly shaped the direction of the year ahead.

With gratitude,

Shivani

Founder, Wild Trust

A Season of Grounded Growth

The first months of 2025 took Wild Trust across classrooms, farms, forests, and cycling paths. It was a season of listening, learning, and quietly strengthening the roots of our work—within ourselves and across the landscapes we serve.

Learning Before Action

Dehradun | Vriksha Fellowship

In January, our team participated in the Vriksha Fellowship training focused on organizational development. Sessions covered 12A and 80G compliance, legal responsibilities, fundraising pathways, and long-term governance.

More than frameworks, it was the shared experiences of senior leaders—their failures, patience, and persistence—that shaped our understanding of sustainable impact.

Seeing Social Enterprise in Practice

Visit to Asha Foundation

A visit to Asha Foundation, a social enterprise working on skill development, offered practical insight into how purpose, systems, and livelihoods can grow together.

It reminded us that impact deepens when organizations remain grounded in both people and process.



Learning to Communicate with Care

Pune | Conscious Communication Course

A seven-day Conscious Communication program invited us to slow down.

Through sessions on emotional awareness, leadership, and conflict response, we reflected on how communication shapes relationships and work cultures.

Sometimes, progress begins with learning when to pause.

When Learning Comes Home

Field Visit and Feedback | Vriksha Fellowship In February, Raju and Baijanti ji from the Vriksha Fellowship visited our workspaces. Walking through farms and activities together, they offered thoughtful feedback—helping us see our work more clearly and refine our direction.

Designing Forests with Farmers

INAF Visit and Analog Forestry Session

Sharda from INAF visited to understand the evolution of our farm and local forest landscape.

Together with farmers, she facilitated a session on Analog Forestry, translating ecological ideas into practical, locally adaptable designs.

Knowledge met soil. Theory met lived experience.

Learning by Doing

Agroecology Interns on the Farm

Two interns from an Agroecology program spent a month working alongside our team. Their days were shaped by soil work, observation, shared labour, and questions—learning agroecology not from textbooks, but from daily practice.



A Farm Takes Shape

Mina Devi's Land | Analog Forestry Design

On a farmer's land, we supported the development of Mina Devi's farm, guided by Analog Forestry principles.

The focus remained simple: ecological balance, farmer ownership, and long-term resilience.

Learning Across Networks

Delhi | Changeloom Meet and SwitchOn Bootcamp

Our fellows participated in the Changeloom Meet, engaging in discussions on leadership, climate action, and organizational development. They also attended a two-day bootcamp by SwitchOn Foundation, exploring for-profit and not-for-profit models, elevator pitches, and vision setting.

These spaces expanded our understanding of collaboration and sustainable growth.

Honouring Seeds, Culture, and Memory

Prakritika Program | Patna

At the Prakritika program, fellows engaged in conversations around indigenous seeds, traditional farming knowledge, and culture—reaffirming that sustainable futures are deeply rooted in local wisdom.

Learning from Landscapes

Nagi–Nakti Dam Exposure Visit

An exposure visit to Nagi–Nakti Dam introduced fellows to bird watching, the Kalrav program, and the region's cultural history—highlighting how conservation thrives when communities remain connected to their ecosystems.



Youth on the Move

15-Week Sunday Cycle Yatra

One of the most visible initiatives of this quarter was the 15-week Sunday Cycle Yatra.

Each week, youth cycled through different locations, carrying saplings, planting trees, and engaging communities in conversations on climate change.

Small actions, repeated consistently, created shared momentum.

Local Food, Local Conversations

Sunday Market Organic Stall

At the local Sunday market, our team set up a stall showcasing organic products, opening dialogue on food choices, livelihoods, and sustainable consumption.

Conversations on Empowerment

JM Finance Talk on Women Empowerment

We were invited by JM Finance to participate in a conversation on women's empowerment, creating space for dialogue around agency, opportunity, and economic inclusion.



Next Planning

1. Shift from learning spaces to deeper field-based action on farms and landscapes
2. Apply organizational and leadership learnings to on-ground program design
3. Focus on land care practices such as water conservation and seasonal preparation
4. Engage youth more actively through field visits and hands-on exposure
5. Prepare nurseries and systems in anticipation of the monsoon and summer stress

Support our work

1. Support learning-based fellowships and leadership development
2. Enable field exposure, training, and knowledge exchange
3. Strengthen early-stage program planning and systems
4. Invest in groundwork for sustainable land and community initiatives
5. Stand with us as we translate learning into long-term action



As this season came to a close,
one truth remained clear:
Change grows slowly—through
learning, reflection, partnerships,
and the willingness to keep
showing up.

Wild Trust moves ahead rooted in
land, strengthened by people,
and guided by shared
responsibility for our ecological
future.

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