



MONTHLY *Progress* REPORT

MAY 2025



Our vision



GVT *is*
passionately committed to
transforming
Indian *economy*
back to the
“Sone ki Chidiya” *period by*
multiplying **farmers’**
income *through*
sustainable agriculture
at scale

From my heart

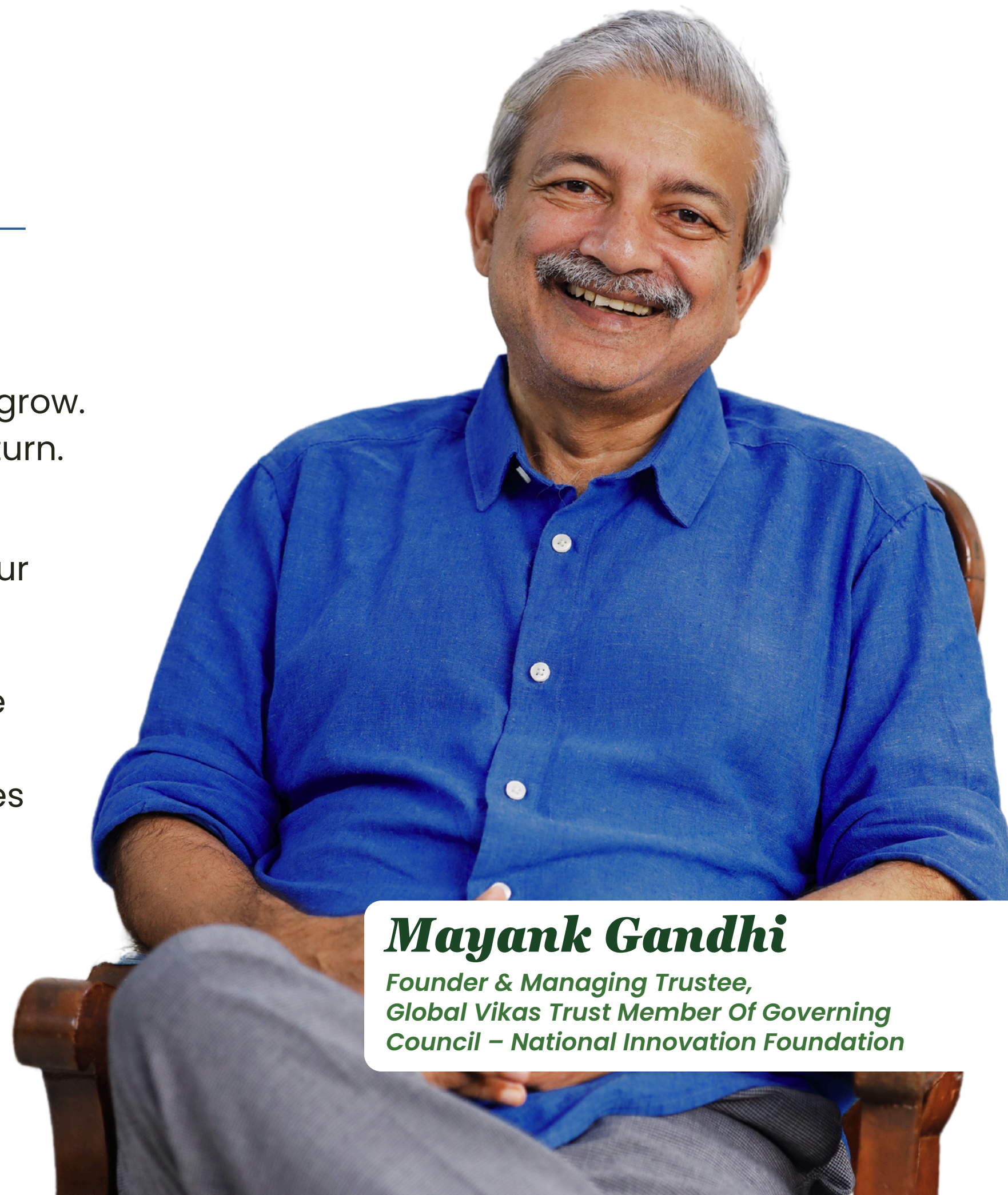
Rain Brings Hope—Let's Catch Every Drop

The rains are here—and with them, a fresh chance for life to grow. Fields turn green, rivers fill, and dreams of a good harvest return.

But only if we act wisely. Every drop of rain is precious. By building small recharge pits, planting trees, and preparing our land well—we can turn this season into a blessing.

At Global Vikas Trust, we're working with farmers to make the rain work for them, not against them. Because when rain meets good planning, the future becomes brighter.

INDIA CAN WAIT NO MORE!



Mayank Gandhi

*Founder & Managing Trustee,
Global Vikas Trust Member Of Governing
Council – National Innovation Foundation*



Plantation

1.71L+ Saplings booking

78K+ Saplings distribution

926 Farmers outreach

356 Pre-booking survey visits

289 Farm surveys

5.80+ Cr.
fruit trees planted (till date)



Water conservation works

34 Completed
Global River Aquashaft (GRA)

27.5kms Completed
River basin survey

8 kms Completed
River deepening & widening

10 Lac in progress
Vetiver grass plantation

01 Completed
Cement Nala Bund (CNB)

Update

for May- 2025



GVT Krishikul

353 Total visitors in May

8,027 Till date - Total visitors



Noteworthy activities



MARATHWADA

PALGHAR

EVENTS

SUCCESS STORIES

Empowering farmers

GVT – AU bank bridge loan schemes

Global Vikas Trust (GVT), in collaboration with AU Bank, organized farmer meetings in Mandwa Pathan & Nitrud villages in Beed district and Nipani village in Dharashiv district to provide information about GVT-designed loan schemes offered by AU Bank for sericulture shed construction and banana cultivation in PoCRA-notified villages.

The sessions focused on a unique bridge loan model where farmers applying for sericulture subsidies receive advance funding to construct sheds. GVT acts as a guarantor, and the loan is repaid once the subsidy amount is credited to the farmer's account. This initiative addresses the challenge of upfront capital, which has prevented many farmers from adopting sericulture.

Over 400 farmers benefited from this model during a successful pilot phase last year. The meetings were attended by local farmers, sarpanches, and representatives from GVT and AU Bank executives who provided detailed information. Farmers welcomed the initiative and showed strong interest in availing themselves of these schemes to enhance their livelihoods and agricultural income.

📍 **Mandwa Pathan**



📍 **Nipani**



📍 **Nitrud**



Pre-Kharif training at GVT Krishikul

by Agriculture Department

A pre-Kharif workshop was held at GVT Krishikul, bringing together Agriculture Department experts and farmers to discuss crop planning and soil health. Speakers included Mr. Govind Mundhe (Custard Apple Research Dept.), Mr. Rahul Gaikwad (Sub-Divisional Agri. Officer), Mr. Suresh Dhakne (Taluka Agri. Officer), progressive farmers, and GVT's senior agronomist. The session covered best practices for soybean, jowar, bajra, maize, and fruit crops helping farmers prepare for the season. Such workshops offer practical insights, promote better techniques, and improve outcomes for marginal farmers.



Culture, dignity & sustainability —

A Mass Wedding Initiative

Driven by a commitment to equality and social upliftment, Global Vikas Trust (GVT) proudly organized a memorable mass wedding for 11 couples in Parli this month.

The event was majorly funded by a generous donation from GVT's Advisory Board member Shri Pradeep Kheruka's family, given in honor of their daughter's wedding abroad.

Each groom pledged a no-dowry commitment, reinforcing the values of dignity and fairness. All couples were presented with gold ornaments, complete household essentials, and furniture. An additional donation from other well-wishers provided joint fixed deposits to each couple, ensuring financial security as they begin their new lives.

News Article: [Mass wedding press release](#)

The weddings were conducted in a completely traditional and local style, celebrating cultural heritage and community values.

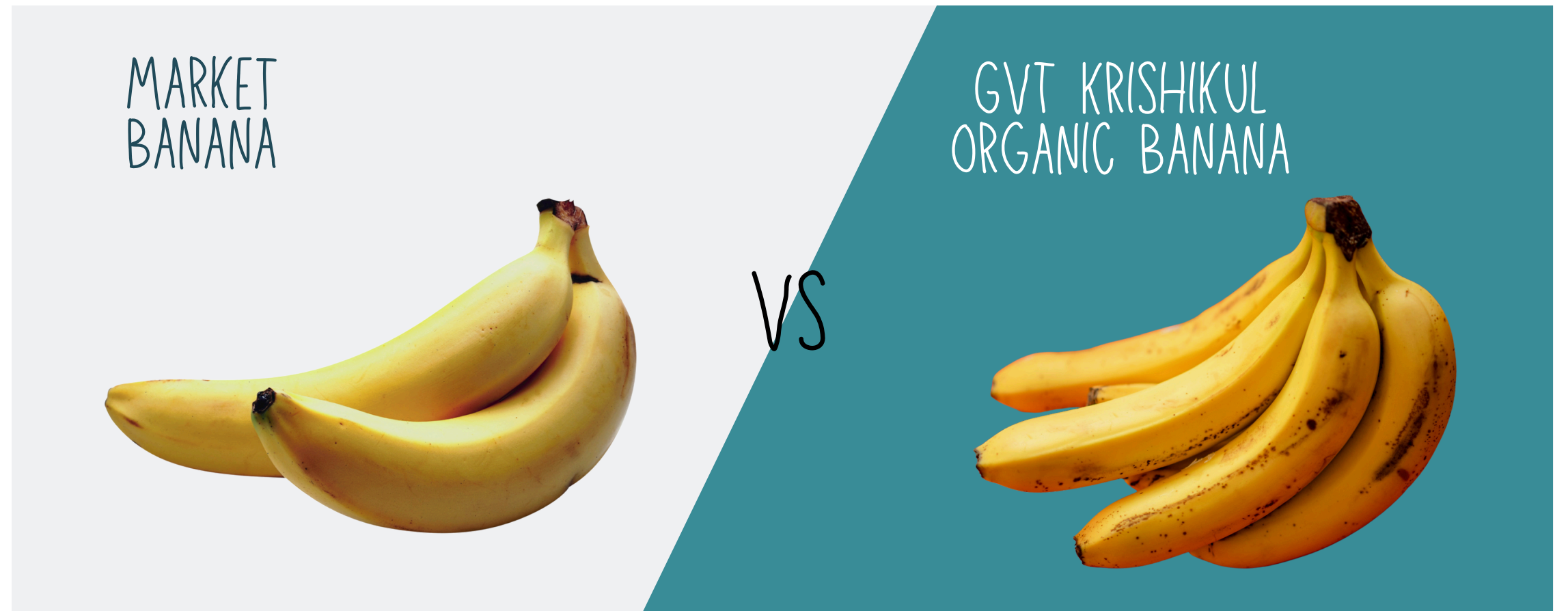
Attended by nearly 4,000 guests, the occasion was also a shining example of sustainability, being fully plastic-free and eco-friendly. This initiative embodies GVT's vision of fostering dignity, compassion, and lasting positive change in communities.



Grown banana test reveals the power of Organic farming

GVT Krishikul promotes organic, cow-based agricultural practices and actively demonstrates them on its model farms. In a recent milestone, organically grown bananas from Krishikul's first harvest were sent for lab testing alongside market samples. The results revealed higher levels of natural sugars, fiber, potassium, and healthy fats—contributing to better taste and digestion. As this marks the beginning of our organic journey, we expect these results to further improve with continued practice and soil enrichment.

Parameter	GVT Krishikul Organic Banana	Local Market Banana
Total Sugar	10.62 g	7.49 g
Dietary Fiber	2.17 g	2.01 g
Potassium	415.93 mg	408.23 mg
Chemical Residue	0% (Chemical-free)	~40% trace residue*



Donor's project review visit

Engaging with farmers

As part of the ongoing project supported by the Rotary Club of Delhi Premier (RCDP), Project Coordinator Mr. Swayang Bikash Jena visited the field to assess progress and engage directly with beneficiary farmers.

He began his visit by attending a Gram Panchayat meeting and then interacted with sericulture farmers, discussing their experiences and challenges in silk production. This was followed by dialogues with progressive farmers and village leaders on issues related to mango cultivation, value chain bottlenecks, and marketing opportunities.

He also visited banana farms, recognizing the encouraging shift towards high-value crops. He later reviewed GVT's water conservation initiatives and concluded his visit at the Krishikul Training Center, where he observed the impact of GVT's training efforts and lauded the community's spirit of innovation and resilience.



Hands-on training on Kjeldahl digestion and distillation system

Borosil Scientific provided their advanced Kjeldahl digestion and distillation system, along with expert-led hands-on training for protein estimation in cottonseed cake and cow milk.

GVT agronomists were trained in all key steps of the Kjeldahl method—sample preparation, digestion, distillation, titration, and protein calculation. The results—24% protein in cottonseed cake and 3.25% in cow milk—closely aligned with standard benchmarks.

The session emphasized lab safety, precision, and teamwork. This capacity-building effort will enable GVT to conduct in-house protein analysis, supporting better feed and milk quality assessment, improving farmer awareness, and reducing dependence on external laboratories.



Honoring donors through thoughtful branding solutions

To promote visibility of generous donor contributions, Global Vikas Trust (GVT) has begun installing durable digital prints of donor branding at key locations within project clusters. To maintain farmers' dignity, these are not placed on individual farms using metal nameplates or banners, which often deteriorate quickly due to weather and have limited lifespan.

This approach ensures lasting donor recognition while efficiently utilizing funds for farmer-centric activities, reflecting GVT's commitment to transparency, accountability, and honoring the invaluable support of its partners in rural development.



GVT connects with farmers

Through online & offline sessions

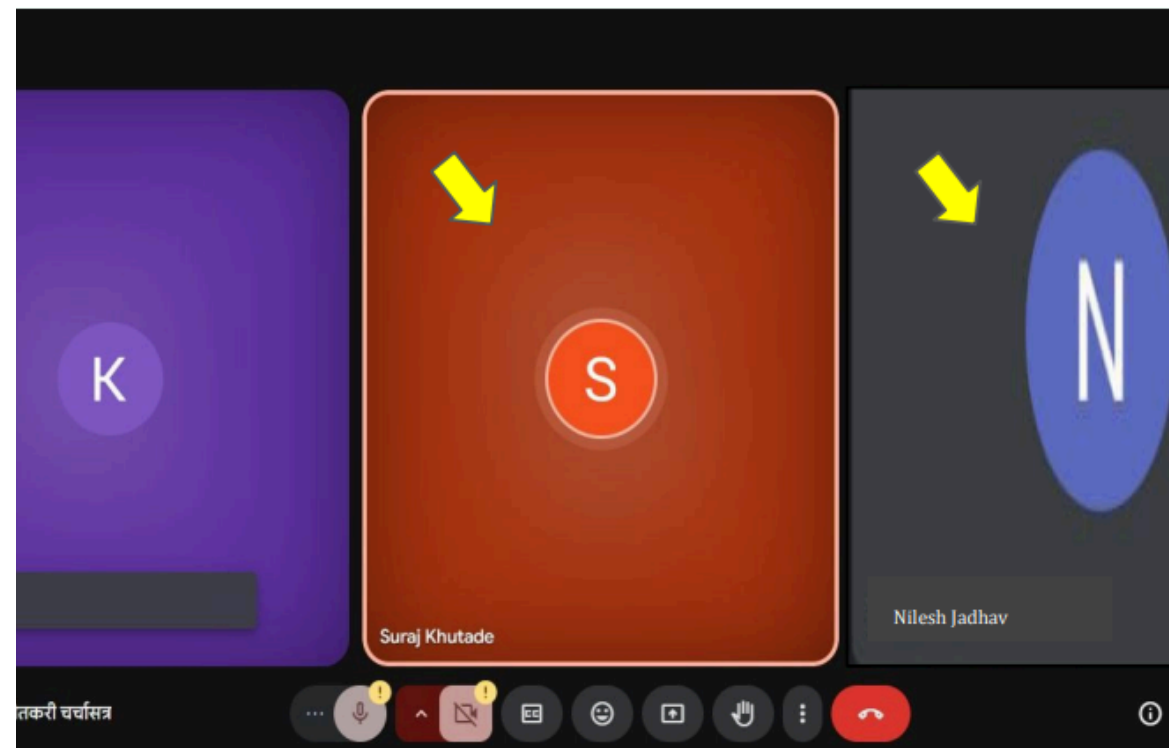
As part of GVT's ongoing monthly farmer engagement initiative, interactive sessions were held both offline and online this month as well.

Offline meeting – May 15:

At the monthly Wada meeting, farmers from across the taluka joined an engaging session led by Mr. Harshad Dumade. Key discussions focused on suitable fertilizers for Mogra, correct dosages, and application methods—offering practical guidance to enhance crop yield and health.

Online meeting – May 25:

An online session was held with two farmers, where Mr. Kalpesh Bonge provided detailed guidance on Mogra pre-cultivation, farming techniques, and fertilizer use. The farmers appreciated the insights and expressed interest in adopting the improved methods in their fields.



Voices from the ground

institutional outreach

Gram panchayat meeting:

At the Vasuri Gram Panchayat meeting, GVT was given a 20-minute slot where Mr. Harshad Dumade and Mr. Bharat Sapte represented GVT & provided our key initiatives, including Mogra, Banana plantations, and sericulture. They also shared sustainable practices like vermicomposting. Sarpanch Mrs. Swati Sahare appreciated GVT's efforts. A list of interested Mogra and Banana growers was initiated following the session.

Agriculture department & NGO meeting:

In a collaborative meeting organized by the Vikramgad Taluka Agriculture Department, Mr. Kalpesh represented GVT, sharing details on plant distribution, training initiatives, and regional impact. The Agriculture Officer praised GVT's quality of work and encouraged similar efforts from other NGOs. The Krishikul training center was also introduced, with plans requested for upcoming farmer visits.



Marathwada

Guest Visit

at GVT Krishikul

As part of our ongoing capacity-building efforts, this month too Krishikul hosted 353 visitors this month, including farmers, NGO and FPO leaders, agriculture students, and officials from both government and private sectors. Our agronomist led sessions on various agricultural topics. This growing interest highlights the positive impact we're making in sustainable agriculture and the communities we serve.



8027

Till date - Total visitors



353

Total visitors in May



Shri. Pradeep Kheruka
Chairman at Borosil Ltd.



AU Bank -
Mr. Dharamvir & Mr. Krishna Pande

Global support & innovation

for rural transformation

GVT Launches Fundraising Office in California, USA



Moved by the generous support of well-wishers from across the globe, GVT is proud to launch our fundraising office in California, USA — by the name “**Global Vikas Foundation Inc.**” (GVF). This marks a new step in building global partnerships to scale rural transformation in India.

GVT registered on Manthan; Launches RuTAGE Smart Villages



Supported by RCDP, GVT is registered on Manthan—India’s platform for science-driven rural transformation. RuTAGE Smart Village Centers at Krishikul and Dhoki now serve 15–20 villages with innovative solutions in agriculture, water, energy, and livelihoods, in collaboration with IITs and partners.

Strategic collaborations & diplomatic engagements

advancing GVT's mission

Union Minister Shri. CR Patil Backs GVT's Mission for Water Security

Shri Pradeep and Sreevar Kheruka, Advisory Board member and Chairman of Borosil respectively, invited Mr. Mayank Gandhi to address a gathering of visitors and dignitaries, which included the Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Hon'ble CR Patil. During the meeting, Mr. Gandhi explained how the construction of Global River Aquashafts (GRAs) helps raise the water table in targeted areas, thereby enhancing livelihoods and boosting agricultural productivity. Impressed by the concept, the Minister invited GVT to Delhi for further discussions to develop a joint action plan, including potential policy changes.



GVT at Israel's 77th Independence Day Celebration:

Global Vikas Trust (GVT) was honored to attend the celebration of Israel's 77th Independence Day and to bid farewell to Consul General Mr. Kobbi Shoshani and Mrs. Yael De-Paz Shoshani. The evening celebrated the enduring Indo-Israel partnership—rooted in mutual respect, innovation, and shared democratic values. GVT wishes Mr. & Mrs. Shoshani all the best in their next chapter. Their warmth and dedication will be fondly remembered in India.



GVT builds bridges

to empower Rural India

Partnership for PoCRA's farming future:

In a key step to improve agricultural practices in PoCRA villages, GVT Trustees Mayank Gandhi and Sanjay Parmar met with Mr. Vijay Kolekar, Agronomist and Soil Science Specialist from the Maharashtra Department of Agriculture, at the Nanaji Deshmukh Krishi Sanjivani Prakalp office in Mumbai.

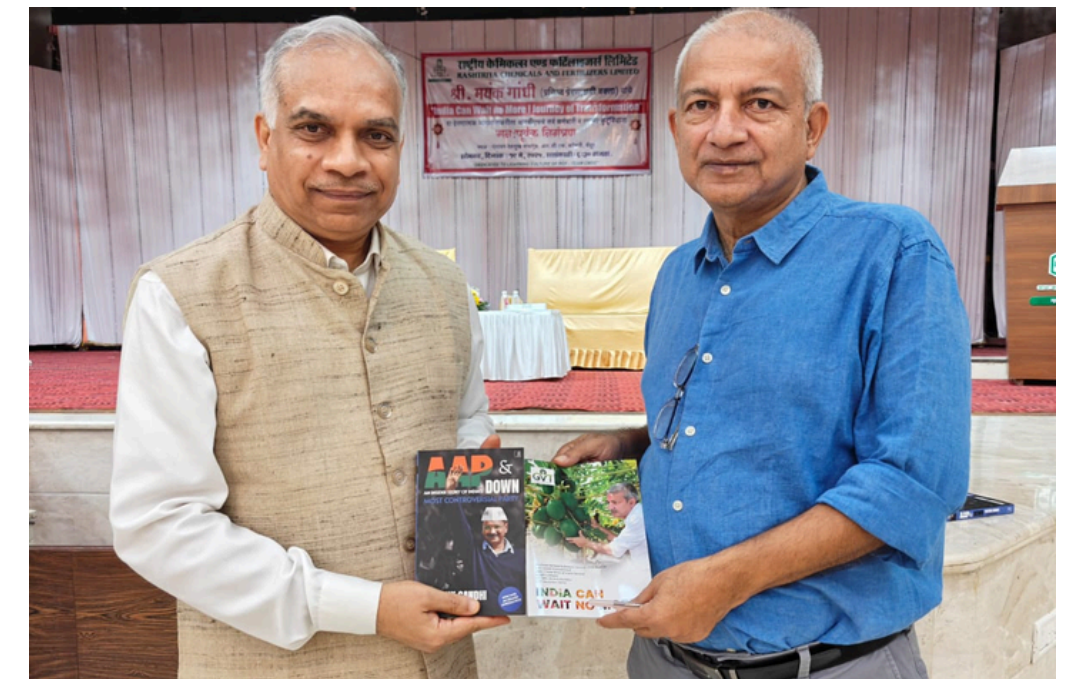
The discussion focused on planning joint efforts to deliver real, on-ground impact for farmers through meaningful collaboration.

RCF & GVT: Coming together for Rural transformation

Shri Shrinivas Mudgerikar, Chairman & Managing Director of Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (RCF), invited Mayank Gandhi, Founder and Managing Trustee of Global Vikas Trust (GVT), to address a gathering of dignitaries and visitors.

In his impactful talk, Mayank Sir shared GVT's mission, achievements, and future vision for rural transformation. His address received a standing ovation, reflecting strong support from the audience.

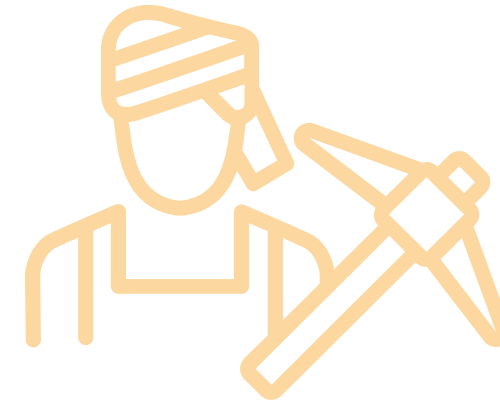
Moved by GVT's work, the Chairman assured full cooperation and expressed a desire to collaborate through RCF's CSR initiatives.



📍 Marathwada

Success Story - 1

Our farmer from Beed, has transformed his life by shifting from **jowar** to **Banana** cultivation. This has led to a significant boost in his annual profit showcasing the success of crop diversification. He earned a profit of **₹5,36,400 per year from 1.0 acre**.



**Shubhash Haribhau
Khedkar**

District Beed, Taluka Parli.



1.0 Acre
(40 Guntas)
Plantation area



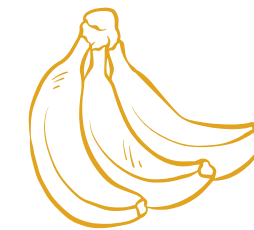
1,490
Plantation Qty



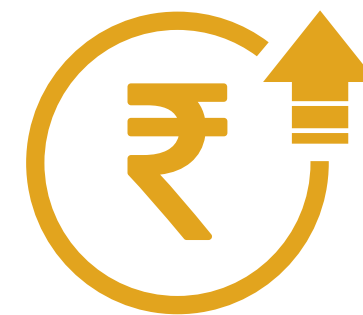
Jowar
Previous Crop



₹ 35,000
Previous income



Banana
Current Crop



₹ 5,36,400

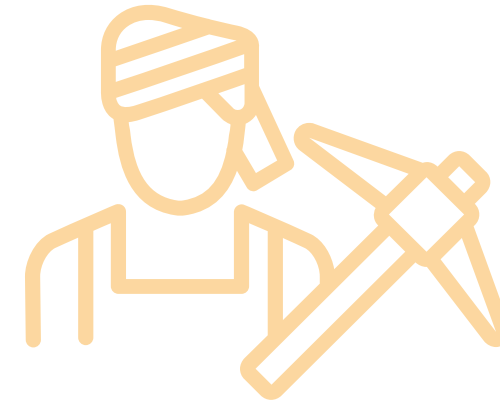
Current annual net profit/acre

For detailed report kindly [click link](#)

 Palghar

Success Story - 2

Our farmer from Vikramgad, Palghar, has transformed his life by shifting from **Seasonal Vegetables** to cultivating **Mogra-Banglori**. This has led to a significant boost in his annual profit showcasing the success of crop diversification. as per prorata calculation he now earns a profit of **₹113,333 per year from 0.18 acre.**



Madhu Ramu Mahale

Dist. Palghar, Tal. Vikramgad



0.18 Acre
(7.2 Guntas)
Plantation area



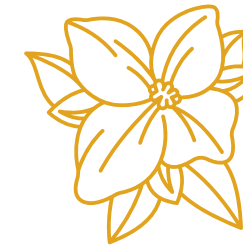
500
Plantation Qty



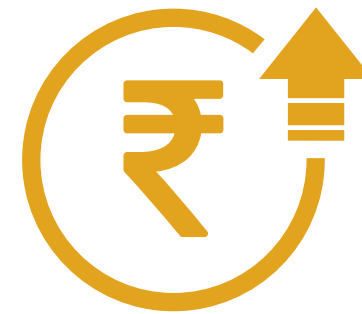
Seasonal Vegetables
Previous Crop



₹ 35,000
Previous income



Mogra-Banglori
Current Crop



₹ 113,333
Current annual net profit/acre

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 Transform India (short film)

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