Rangeland Restoration Awards 2026

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Community Institution for Pastureland Restoration

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ABOUT ORGANIZATION

- Community-based institution established by farmers and pastoralists in Thana Village to restore and manage common grazing lands
- Combines traditional ecological knowledge with collective action and local governance
- Supported by the Foundation for Ecological Security (FES) to strengthen community-led management of commons

THE LAND THEY RESTORE

- Approximately 30 hectares of restored Gochar (community pastureland)
- Conserves native vegetation, biodiversity, and ecosystem services through community stewardship

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS

Restored Community Pasturelands

- Converted approximately **30 hectares** of degraded wasteland into legally recognized community grazing land

Secured Grazing Commons

- Removed encroachments and strengthened community stewardship of shared pasture resources

Mobilized Collective Action

- Led community efforts to construct a 3 km boundary wall and establish sustainable pasture management systems

Enhanced Biodiversity

- Improved ecosystem health, fodder availability, and habitat quality through community-led restoration

Strengthened Livelihoods

- Improved grazing resources for **277 households** and **1,850 livestock**, while supporting wildlife and ecosystem services