Rangeland Restoration Awards 2026

NARAYAN BHARTI

Community conservation leader and champion of Oran Restoration

From Dhadho Village, Phalodi District, Rajasthan, India



ABOUT HIM

- Has dedicated years to protecting the Sati Mata Oran, a traditional community-conserved grazing landscape
- Mobilizes communities to safeguard Orans through awareness, collective action, and local stewardship
- Recipient of the Oran Prahari Award for Outstanding contributions to Oran conservation

THE LAND HE RESTORES

- The 35.34-ha Sati Mata Oran in Dhadho Village, Phalodi District, Rajasthan
- A traditional community-conserved grazing land legally recorded as Gair Mumkin Oran
- Jointly managed by local communities and the Gram Panchayat under customary conservation rules

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS

Protected Community Rangelands

- Led efforts to secure and restore the **35.34-ha Sati Mata Oran**, safeguarding a vital community grazing landscape

Mobilized Collective Action

- Engaged local communities across multiple villages to prevent encroachment and strengthen stewardship of traditional Oran lands

Secured Legal Recognition

- Supported the official survey, mapping, and recognition of the Dhadho Oran in revenue records, strengthening its long-term protection.

Revived Traditional Conservation

- Reinforced community-led conservation practices, including protection of native vegetation and customary management rules

Sustained Livelihoods and Biodiversity

- Helped conserve grazing resources that support over **12,000 livestock**, native biodiversity, and nearly **800 families**