Rangeland Restoration Awards 2026

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Community Leader for Commons and Pastureland Restoration

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ABOUT HIM

- Social worker and community mobilizer dedicated to commons governance and rural development
- Champions community participation in natural resource management and access to government programs
- Played a key role in creating institutional mechanisms for community-led pastureland governance

THE LAND HE RESTORES

- Community pasturelands in Bhupalsagar Block, Chittorgarh District, Rajasthan
- Demonstrates how collective action can restore commons, strengthen pastoral livelihoods, and improve ecosystem resilience

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS

Protected Common Grazing Lands

- Led community action to reclaim and safeguard 175 acres of pastureland threatened by illegal mining

Strengthened Community Governance

- Supported the establishment of a community-led pasture management committee for sustainable commons stewardship

Mobilized Institutional Action

- Facilitated collaboration between villagers, the Gram Panchayat, and local authorities to secure grazing land protection

Restored Degraded Rangelands

- Helped halt destructive mining activities and contributed to the recovery of degraded pasture ecosystems

Sustained Livelihoods and Livestock

- Improved grazing access for more than 1,250 livestock and strengthened the livelihoods of 290 households