

Monthly Report

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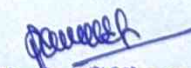
Date	Day	Work done
1/10/2025	Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attended the Global GAP Certification Training Program organized in Sindhudurg for farmers, where the next steps to be undertaken by TSA-ICCOA were discussed. ● Addressed queries raised by farmers during the meeting and guided them on the subsequent steps to be followed in the certification process.
2/10/2025	Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public Holiday
3/10/2025	Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Followed up with the Nodal Officers of DIU Thane and Raigad regarding the nominations from CBOs for the Directors' Upskilling Training Program to be organized at BIRD, Lucknow, and confirmed whether the travel arrangements for the participants had been made. ● Drafted a letter for the Nodal Officer to be sent to PIU-Agri, SMART Pune, regarding the request received from DIU Ratnagiri to transfer the two Mango Cluster to the Cashew Cluster under Global GAP and to reduce three clusters from their target.
4/10/2025	Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Weekly off
5/10/2025	Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Traveled to Nagpur to attend the Training Program on Packaging and Branding of Agricultural Products organized at VANAMATI, Nagpur.
6/10/2025	Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attended the Training Program on Packaging and Branding of Agricultural Products at VANAMATI, Nagpur. <p>Day 1 Learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Icebreaking and Introduction session conducted by Shri Milind Tare. ● Basics of Packaging: Functions, Types, and Relevance to Agricultural Products and Commodities, presented by Dr. Arif Abad. ● Introduction to Branding: Elements of a Strong Brand including Name, Logo, Slogan, and Storytelling in an agricultural context, presented by Dr. Arif Abad.
7/10/2025	Tuesday	<p>Day 2 Learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consumer Behaviour in Agricultural Commodities and Value-Added Products, presented by Dr. Pulkit Marwah. ● Digital Marketing and Social Media Tools for Agricultural Branding, presented by Dr. Pulkit Marwah. ● Successful Agri Branding Stories (India & Global), presented by Dr. Arif Abad. ● Group Activity: Local Product Identification and its Branding and Packaging; Packaging & Branding for Niche Markets, facilitated by Dr. Arif Abad.
8/10/2025	Wednesday	<p>Day 3 Learning:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Packaging Materials: Traditional vs. Modern Options, presented by Dr. Himanshu Shukla. ● Role of Technology in Smart, Cost-Effective Packaging (including Organic, Millet-Based, Ready-to-Eat, Exotic Fruits, etc.), presented by Dr. Himanshu Shukla. ● Group Presentations: Participants developed a Branding & Packaging Strategy for a chosen product, facilitated by Dr. Pulkit Marwah. ● Critical Evaluation of Group Presentations by Faculty Expert, Dr. Pulkit Marwah.
9/10/2025	Thursday	Day 4 Learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Field visit to Maharashtra Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (MCED), Nagpur, to observe and understand ongoing training programs at MCED. ● Visit to Savaji Masale production plant to study and understand the packaging materials and practices used in the brand.
10/10/2025	Friday	Day 5 Learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Understanding the Application of a Systematic Approach to Packaging and Branding, presented by Shri Milind Tare. ● Group Work and Practical Exercises, facilitated by Shri Milind Tare.
11/10/2025	Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Weekly off
12/10/2025	Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Weekly off
13/10/2025	Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Followed up with the Nodal Officers of DIU Thane, Raigad, and Palghar regarding the nominations from CBOs for the Hedging Desk Training Program to be organized at RAMETI, Khopoli. ● Drafted a letter for the Nodal Officer to be sent to all DIUs, requesting their participation in the online meeting organized by the Project Director, ATMA, regarding the Global GAP Certification status and updates. ● Attended the Regional Review Meeting, where I specifically covered topics related to Training Nominations Update and Global GAP meetings held in DIU Ratnagiri and DIU Sindhudurg, and guided DIU Raigad to conduct a similar meeting at their district level.
14/10/2025	Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drafted a letter for the Nodal Officer to be sent to all DIUs, requesting to follow the instruction given by the Project Director, SMART-Pune regarding to follow the indicator of "Warehouse Receipts Issued to Project Beneficiaries". ● Prepared a PPT to be presented in the online meeting organized by the Project Director, ATMA, regarding the Global GAP Certification status and updates about RIU-Thane.
15/10/2025	Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepared a PowerPoint presentation for the online meeting organized by the Project Director, ATMA, regarding the Global GAP Certification status and updates related to RIU Thane. ● Attended the online meeting organized by the Project Director, ATMA, and presented the Global GAP Certification status and progress updates for RIU Thane.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Followed up with the Nodal Officers of DIU Thane, Raigad, and Palghar regarding the nominations from CBOs for the Hedging Desk Training Program to be organized at RAMETI, Khopoli. Drafted a letter for the Nodal Officer to be sent to all DIUs regarding the meeting organized to review the completion of CBO-related work.
16/10/2025	Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Followed up with Aaditi Agro FPC regarding queries related to the WDRA accreditation process for their 350 MT warehouse and discussed the required documents with the directors. Followed up with the Nodal Officers of DIU Thane, Raigad, and Palghar regarding the nominations from CBOs for the Hedging Desk Training Program to be organized at RAMETI, Khopoli.
17/10/2025	Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafted a letter for the Nodal Officer to be sent to the Nodal Officers of DIU Thane, Raigad, and Palghar regarding the instructions to attend the Hedging Desk Training Program to be organized at RAMETI, Khopoli, and shared the same letter with all DIUs. Followed up with Aaditi Agro FPC regarding queries related to the WDRA accreditation process for their 350 MT warehouse and discussed the required documents with the directors.
18/10/2025	Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly off
19/10/2025	Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly off
20/10/2025	Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governor Declared Public Holiday
21/10/2025	Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Holiday
22/10/2025	Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Holiday
23/10/2025	Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collector Declared Public Holiday
24/10/2025	Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Followed up with Aaditi Agro FPC regarding queries related to the WDRA accreditation process for their 350 MT warehouse and discussed the required documents with the directors. Followed up with the Nodal Officers of DIU Thane, Raigad, and Palghar regarding the nominations from CBOs for the Hedging Desk Training Program to be organized at RAMETI, Khopoli.
25/10/2025	Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly off
26/10/2025	Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly off
27/10/2025	Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafted a letter for the Nodal Officer to be sent to all DIUs regarding the updated Civil and Mechanical norms for CBOs. Drafted a letter for the Nodal Officer to be sent to all DIUs regarding the completion of targets related to CBO activities. Followed up with WDRA officers regarding queries related to Aaditi Agro FPC's warehouse accreditation process for their 350 MT warehouse.
28/10/2025	Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Followed up with DIU Thane, Raigad, and Palghar regarding the Hedging Desk Training scheduled on 31st October. Also coordinated with Mr. Gautam, Hedging Desk Officer to ensure necessary arrangements for the training were completed. Followed up with DIU Raigad, Ratnagiri, and Sindhudurg regarding the progress of the Global GAP initiative. DIU Raigad conducted a

		<p>meeting with their CBO members and ICCOA staff on 28th Oct., while DIU Ratnagiri is working on creating a Cashew Cluster and collecting documents from farmers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Followed up with WDRA officers regarding queries related to Aaditi Agro FPC's warehouse accreditation process for their 350 MT warehouse. • Drafted a letter for all DIUs to obtain nominations from CBOs for participation in the Capacity Building Training Program for CBO Directors at Sahyadri Rural Development Foundation (SRDF), Nashik.
29/10/2025	Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafted a letter for the Nodal Officer to be sent to all DIUs regarding obtaining nominations from CBOs for the Capacity Building Training Program organized at SRDF, Nashik. • Drafted a letter for the Nodal Officer to be sent to all DIUs conveying the order of the PIU-Agri office about the Global GAP updates discussed in the online meeting held on 15th October. • Drafted a letter for the Nodal Officer to be sent to PIU-Agri regarding the request to withdraw the target of forming three Mango Clusters at Ratnagiri under the Global GAP Certification. • Drafted a letter for the Nodal Officer to be sent to DIU Thane and Ratnagiri regarding the reimbursement of participants for the training program held at BIRD, Lucknow. • Created a WhatsApp message for CBO members to convey information about the upcoming Commodity Training Program organized by the Hedging Desk.
30/10/2025	Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created a presentation showcasing RIU Thane's ongoing activities and the CBO work status for the upcoming meeting scheduled on Monday in the presence of JDA Sir. • Sent a letter, on behalf of the Nodal Officer, to PIU-Agri regarding the request to withdraw the target of forming three Mango Clusters at Ratnagiri under the Global GAP Certification. • Sent a letter, on behalf of the Nodal Officer, to DIU Thane and Ratnagiri regarding the reimbursement of participants for the training program held at BIRD, Lucknow. • Sent a WhatsApp message to the CBO members to inform and remind them to be present for the upcoming Commodity Training Program organized by the Hedging Desk tomorrow.
31/10/2025	Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Hedging Desk Training Program at RAMETI, Khopoli, organized by RIU-Thane in collaboration with Hedging Desk (NCDEX-NICR). • Learned about the commodity market, its functioning, and the role of hedging in minimizing market risks for farmers and FPCs.


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