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# NEWSLETTER

Seeds of Change, Powered by AI  
From nurturing Agri innovations to launching AI-led impact.



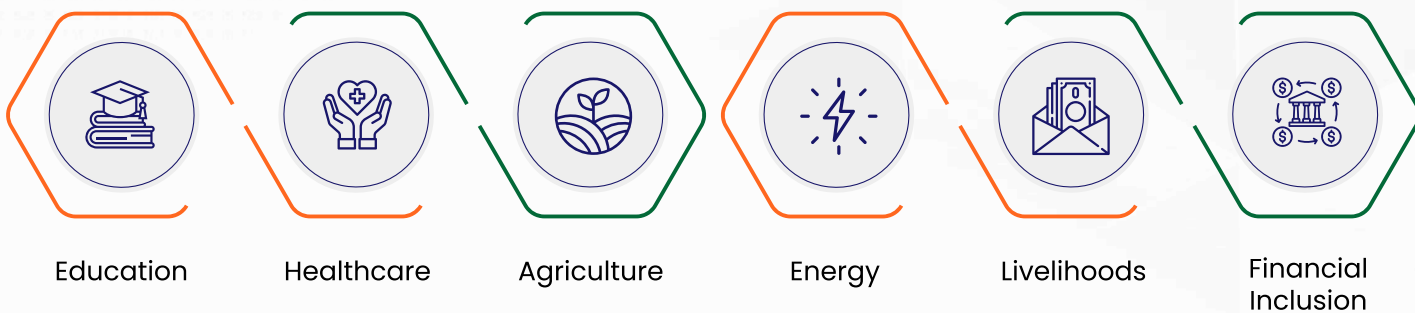
**AI**



## AFI's Mission

Action for India's mission is to help high-potential social entrepreneurs overcome barriers to scale and achieve greater impact. We connect social entrepreneurs with impact investors, mentors, technology resources, government contacts, and other ecosystem partners.

AFI mirrors the United Nations' philosophy that sustainable human development happens by enhancing human abilities and creating conditions for growth. In line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, our focus areas are:



We are excited to introduce new initiatives aimed at accelerating your success:



**Funding  
Opportunities**



**Partnerships  
for Growth**



**Enhanced E-Services  
support on key  
business requirements**



## AFI Update

We are thrilled to share the latest strides of Action For India across our AI+Impact and Agri initiatives. This quarter marked the successful launch of the AI+Impact Cohort, bringing together high-potential startups leveraging AI to drive scalable social change across sectors.

At the same time, we proudly celebrated the graduation of our Agri Cohort 2.0 startups, who have demonstrated remarkable innovation and resilience in transforming India's agricultural landscape.

## Program Update

### Agri Cohort 2.0

- Successfully launched the AI+Impact Cohort 2026 on January 27, 2026, marking a major step in advancing AI-driven social innovation.
- Received 100+ applications from across India, reflecting strong ecosystem interest at the intersection of AI and impact.
- 12 high-potential startups were carefully selected and onboarded for this inaugural cohort.
- The cohort is designed as a 4-month intensive program to support scale, strategy, and sustainable growth.
- The launch event featured global leaders including Ori Goshen, Co-founder of AI21 Labs, and Mark Patel, Senior Partner at McKinsey & Company.
- Speakers shared insights on the future of AI, responsible innovation, and scaling impact-driven ventures globally.
- The event brought together ecosystem leaders, mentors, and founders, creating strong momentum for the cohort journey ahead.
- The successful launch sets the foundation for building India's leading AI-for-impact startup ecosystem.



## AI+Impact Cohort

- The AFI AI+Impact Cohort 2026 brings together 12 high-potential startups leveraging AI to solve critical social and environmental challenges.
- Designed as a 4-month intensive program, the cohort provides strategic mentorship, ecosystem access, and support to help startups scale sustainably.
- The initiative strengthens AFI's mission to build a thriving AI-for-impact ecosystem in India, connecting innovators with capital, partners, and global expertise.

## Startups part of this cohort



**Bonny Dave,  
Akshita Sachdeva**  
Trestle Labs | Kibo



**Samhita**  
Resilience AI



**Manoj Sanker**  
Nemocareo



**Rajat Kumar Mala**  
dBee



**Chirag Patel**  
Alarth Green



**Shobana Uthayashankar**  
Innogle



**Senthil Kumar M,  
Dhinesh Pandian**  
Savemom



**Pradeep Kumar P**  
X Bosa AI



**Chandramouli Samatham**  
Caare



**Nishtha Budhiraja**  
Wundrsight



**Amit Patel**  
Oros Health



**Dr. Shikha Gupta**  
EyeSetu Medicare

## AI+Impact COhort Launch

### AI+IMPACT Accelerator Cohort Launched



The AI+Impact Cohort 2026 was successfully launched on January 27, 2026, marking a significant milestone for Action For India. The event brought together ecosystem leaders, founders, and mentors to kickstart this journey of AI-driven impact.

We were honoured to have Ori Goshen (Co-founder, AI21 Labs) and Mark Patel (Senior Partner, McKinsey & Company) share their insights. Their perspectives on the future of AI and scaling impact set a strong foundation for the cohort ahead.



## AFI Agri Cohort 2.0

### About the Cohort

- The AFI Agri Cohort 2.0 brought together 14 promising startups working at the forefront of agricultural innovation, addressing critical challenges across the value chain.
- Throughout the cohort, founders received strategic mentorship, ecosystem access, and tailored support to strengthen their business models and scale their impact.
- The journey reflected AFI's continued commitment to enabling sustainable and scalable solutions in India's agri ecosystem.

### Key Highlights of from the cohort:



**₹ Decoding Investments with Emmanuel Murray**

Exclusive Knowledge Session for AFI Agri Cohort 2.0 Startups

Saturday, 31th January

2:00 – 3:00 PM

**Speaker : Emmanuel Murray**, Investment Director Caspian



**AFI AGRI COHORT 2.0**

**VIJAY NADIMINTI**  
CEO OF AGHUB  
AFI MENTOR

**VIDHI GAUR**  
CO- FOUNDER:  
eVerse AI

**AFI MENTOR CONNECT IN ACTION!**

The conversation focused on understanding eVerse's innovative approach, exploring opportunities for technical collaboration, and outlining next steps for growth and fundraising.



**AFI AGRI COHORT 2.0**

**AFI MENTOR CONNECT IN ACTION**

**Emmanuel Murray**  
Investment Director at Caspian

**Tahn Chai Yang**  
Founder, Yin N Yang Farms

The discussion focused on funding strategies, scalable farm production models, and the use of technology and local resources to build sustainable, impact-driven agricultural operations.



**AFI AGRI COHORT 2.0**

**SACHIN NANDWANA**  
CO-FOUNDER BIGHAAT  
AFI MENTOR

**ZUBER SINDHI**  
FOUNDER:  
OCEANUS EXPORTS

**AFI MENTOR CONNECT IN ACTION!**

The discussion focused on unlocking growth opportunities, strengthening operational strategies, and mapping clear pathways for scale and impact.

# Agri Cohort 2.0 – Top 15 Selected Startups

**Nikky Kumar Jha**  
Saptkrishi

**Ashish S**  
eVerse.AI

**Anshuman Upadhyay**  
Pravidhaan FPCL

**VITTAL**  
Agrivitals Innovation

**Kiranbhai makwana**  
Agri nitro

**Dr. Seema Singh**  
DOSTBin

**Arshdeep Swani**  
Circlo

**Tehn Chai Yang**  
Yin N Yang Farms

**Shruti Mehata**  
BharatGodam

**Dr Ramesh Chandra Biswal**  
Villa Mart

**Amit Chavan**  
AVN Agrobharat

**Arkaprava Das**  
Essential Aquatech

**Premangi K**  
Oceanus Exports

**Naresh M**  
Agribotic systems

**Vinay Kumar Yadav**  
Visron

## Demo Day

# AFI AGRI COHORT 2.0 DEMO DAY

### STARTUPS



### INVESTORS/ECOSYSTEM PARTNERS



## Agri Cohort 2.0 Demo Day:

- The cohort culminated in a high-energy Virtual Demo Day, where all 14 startups presented their ventures to a curated group of investors and ecosystem partners.
- The session witnessed strong participation, meaningful engagement, and insightful discussions, with several startups receiving significant interest.
- The quality of conversations and depth of investor engagement highlighted both the strength of the cohort and the growing momentum in the agri innovation space..

### Key highlights from the session included:

- 14 high-potential startups showcased innovations across agri, climate-tech, dairy, aquatech, waste management, and AI-driven solutions. The Demo Day generated a strong 61 follow-up requests, indicating high investor and stakeholder interest.
- Each startup received an average of 5 follow-ups, reflecting strong engagement across the cohort. Investors showed deep interest in revenue models, unit economics, scalability, and market size validation.
- Discussions were focused on commercial viability and growth readiness, rather than just early-stage ideas. High-performing startups stood out for their clear business models, traction, and strong go-to-market strategies.
- The event unlocked multiple opportunities for investments, pilots, and corporate partnerships. Overall, the Demo Day reinforced AFI's position as a key platform connecting startups with capital, partnerships, and ecosystem stakeholders.

## Agri Cohort 2.0 Valedictory

# AFI AGRI COHORT 2.0 VALEDICTORY



The valedictory session marked the successful culmination of the AFI Agri Cohort 2.0, celebrating the growth, resilience, and achievements of the 14 startups. It brought together founders, mentors, and ecosystem partners to reflect on their journey from refining business models to building scalable, impact-driven solutions.

The session also featured insightful keynotes by Shri Krishna Lavu, who highlighted the importance of building for Bharat while scaling sustainably, and Mr Anand Deshpande, who emphasized the role of technology, execution, and long-term vision in building impactful enterprises.



## AGRI COHORT TESTIMONIALS

**“AFI provided clear direction on what to prioritise, how to navigate challenges, and how to scale effectively, making it a strong platform for early-stage startups looking to learn, grow, and gain exposure.”- Vitthal**



Vitthal

**“Through this cohort, I received focused support in refining our go-to-market strategy—from identifying the right customer segments and sharpening our product focus to building a clear roadmap for early-stage scale.” — Kauser**



Kauser Banu

**“I had the opportunity to engage in focused one-on-one mentorship and strategic discussions with mentors like Rajiv Sharma and Hemendra Mathur, whose insights helped me refine our approach and strengthen our growth direction.” — Shruti**



Shruti Mehta

**“I’m especially grateful for the mentorship from Apoorv Sharma, Rajiv Sharma, and Emmanuel Murray, whose practical insights and strategic guidance played a key role in shaping Visron’s fundra and long-term business strategy.”**



Vinay Yadav

# Alumni Achievement

**AFI** AGRI COHORT 2.0 **STARTUP ACHIEVEMENT** ACTION FOR INDIA

**CONGRATULATIONS TO AVN AGROBHARAT ON BECOMING RUNNER-UP IN THE AI & DEEPTECH TRACK, RECOGNISED AT EUREKA 2025 BY E-CELL IIT BOMBAY**

AWARDED TO **AVN AGROBHARAT PVT. LTD.**  
 AMOUNT OF INR ONE LAKH FIFTY THOUSAND ONLY  
**₹ 1,50,000**

**AFI** AGRI COHORT 2.0 **STARTUP ACHIEVEMENT** ACTION FOR INDIA

**CONGRATULATIONS TO INNOGLE ON BEING PART OF THE YOUNG CEO ROUNDTABLE AT THE INDIA AI SUMMIT WITH HON'BLE PRIME SHRI. MINISTER NARENDRA MODI.**

# Mentors Corner

**AFI Mentor**

**“**  
 It's been a great experience working with AFI and interacting with passionate founders, supporting promising ideas, and watching many startups evolve into growth-stage companies.  
**”**

**Hemendra Mathur**  
 Co founder - ThinkAg & Venture  
 Partner - Bharat Innovation Fund

**AFI Mentor**

**“**  
 The selection and mentoring process at AFI is thoughtfully curated. The Huddle sessions offer focused, one-on-one conversations with mentors from across the ecosystem, creating a deeply engaging and personalized experience for every founder.  
**”**

**Emmanuel Murray**  
 Investment Director Caspian



## Feedback and Engagement:

# Your Voice Matters

Your feedback is invaluable to us as we strive to deliver content that is relevant and valuable to you. We invite you to share your success stories, suggestions for future topics, and any resources or opportunities you believe would benefit the community. Please fill in the form [here](#) to provide us your valuable feedback and suggestions. Together, we can continue to build a vibrant community of change-makers and innovators.

Thank you for being a part of the Action for India family. Here's to celebrating your achievements and driving impactful change together!

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