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# BRIDGING THE GAPS - LAST MILE DELIVERY TO THE INDIAN FARMERS

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# Hariyali Kisaan Bazaar

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# Hariyali Kisaan Bazaar

"Hariyali" means "Greenery" in Hindi It signifies "Prosperity in Agriculture" "Kisaan Bazaar" means "Farmer's market"



#### Hariyali Concept

- Ensure availability of right product, at
- Provide Right of Choice

right time and at fair price

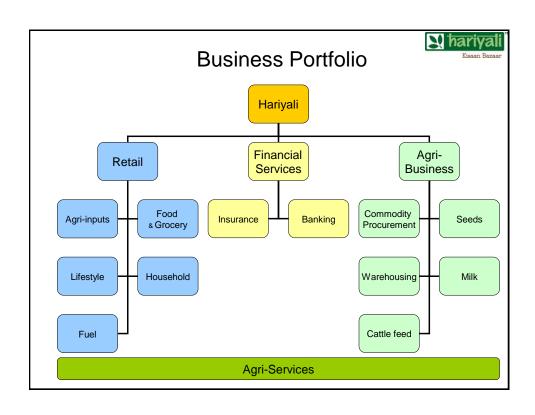
 One Stop Solution for purchase of inputs and sale of produce





- Free Farm Advisory services
- Bridging the last mile gap in delivery of farm technology
- Multidimensional dealings with the customers

The Strategic intent of the business is to provide the rural customer with choice, trust, dignity and thus create long-term relationships





# Hariyali Kisaan Bazaar

Agri Extension Services

"An Effective Tool for Last Mile Delivery"



"One of the greatest challenges in Indian Agriculture is filling the growing gap between scientific know-how and field level do-how.

The gap between potential and actual yields is very wide even with the technologies on the shelf, as observed from the National demonstration data of the ICAR. The average productivity of most of our farming system is low.

Thus, there is large untapped reservoir which can be availed of through an integrated package of Technology, **Extension**, Input Supply and Assured and Remunerative Arrangements"

By M.S. Swaminathan Agricultural Extension Systems: Issues and Approaches



"Half of the interviewed farmers in UP indicated that when extension was wanted, it was not available"

"Only 18% of the farmers in UP reported that they used extension in the 12 months prior to the fielding of the survey. The percentage was highest in the Central part of the state where 30% of the farmers had used extension. This compares to only 4% in the eastern region"

"The low use of extension advice seems mostly driven by delivery problems and less by low demand for it"

**Quotes from Rural Service Survey- IFPRI** 



#### Agri Extension Services

#### **Objectives**

- To improve farmers' productivity & profitability
- Develop long term relationship with farmers
- To ensure last mile delivery



#### Agri Extension Services

#### **Approach**

• Goal Setting: Set goals & customizing it into regional & seasonal

themes.

Dedicated Team: At Regional and Field level, which considerably

improve the quality of services.

Monitoring:

» Focused Execution: Target specific villages & farmers.

» Knowledge Management: Document practices, yield data

creation & sharing information

• **Training:** Continuous training on latest techniques

• Impact Assessment: Measure impact on total farmer income and soil

health



Hariyali Agri Extension Services

**Delivery Tools** 



## Last Mile Delivery Through

- · Agronomic Advisory
  - In store
  - At field
  - Over phone
- · In-house training
- · Village level meetings
- Demonstration on new technologies
- · Crop seminars/kisan melas
- Soil & water testing based recommendations
- Customized services (spray, land leveling, zero till etc)

#### Farm Advisory



In-store as well as on- farm advisory.







#### **In-House Trainings**

Need based training on different aspects important for the farmers



#### Village level meetings



 Pre-season and mid season village level meetings are conducted on new developments and improved practices.





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#### **Demonstrations on New Technologies**



#### Field Days

• To observe and evaluate the results of the demonstrated technology and resolve farmer's queries





## Crop Seminars (Kisan Mela)

• Crop seminars are organized during Rabi and Kharif seasons



#### Soil and Water Testing

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• Emphasis on soil test based fertilizer recommendations









# What does it means to farmers – Impact Analysis





#### Sugarcane - Intercropping

Locations : Faridpur ( UP )
Farmer Practice : Solo cropping

**Recommendation**: Sugarcane + Mustard / Okra/ Onion/ Garlic/

Water melon

**Impact** : With successful intercropping, farmers were

able to achieve extra income of Rs. 8500 to

Rs.25000 per acre





#### **Crop Diversification**

Locations : Tadapelliguddam (AP)

Farmer Practice : Paddy crop two times in a year
Recommendation : Paddy followed by hybrid Maize

**Impact**: Profit of Rs 20000 as compared to 10000

per acre







#### Fertilizer Application Technique

Locations : Faridpur ( UP )

Farmer Practice : Using DAP mixed with ZINC in potato crop
Recommendation : Basal application of zinc followed by NPK

and spray of liquid fertilizers

**Impact** : Increase in income from Rs.40000 per

acre to as much as Rs.52000 per acre.





## The Hariyali Difference

- Round the year services (24x7)
- Bundling of products and services
- Brand neutral
- · Qualified Agronomists managing the sales process
- · Presence at grass root level



#### Key Drivers to Impact

- Based on building trust
- · Long term relationships
- Customized Agri-solutions
- Complementary to other extension agencies
- At farmer's choice
  - > Leading to better adoption



# CSISA (Cereal system Initiatives for South Asia) & Hariyali



#### CSISA & Hariyali

- Hariyali acting as a delivery partner with CSISA to strengthen the ways and means for bridging the gaps for last mile delivery
- CSISA provides know how for
  - Technical support in crop seminars / field days
  - New technology dissemination
  - Demonstration of advance mechanization
  - Knowledge of farm implements -like laser leveler & zero till



## CSISA & Hariyali

- CSISA Delivery hubs to play an important role for achieving the overall objective of Agri Extension
- · CSISA has two operational hubs at Hariyali
  - Hariyali Ladwa → Haryana & western UP.
  - Hariyali Farenda → Eastern UP & Nepal.





