





# Cultivating Excellence. Nurturing Sustainability.



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#### **Presentation Flow**



#### Sustainability & Agriculture

**Our Approach to Sustainability** 

**Sustainability in Action** 

**Our Vision** 

#### **Green Factories**





... handles materials in a sustainable manner, recycles 100% of waste generated and consumes significantly lower electricity, water & energy....

#### **Green Automobiles**





... significantly higher fuel efficiency, great miles per litre of gasoline and optimizes use of

renewal & non-renewable energy sources....

### **Green Buildings**



... constructed out of ecologically friendly materials, uses extremely efficient lighting & HVAC technology solutions and promotes sustainable living standards....

## Is Agriculture Green?



#### Agriculture accounts for...



Source: Farming First

















SUSTAINABILITY IS NOT JUST ADDRESSING A FEW SET OF ISSUES IN A SELECTIVE

**MANNER!** 

## **Farmer Profitability Equation**





## **Drawing Inspiration from Israel**











cm average annual rainfall vs India's 154 cm.

55

°C to -18 °C temperatures with high diurnal variations.

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per cent water cover with high groundwater salinity.



per cent of soils classified as "Desert silt".

#### TOUGHEST POSSIBLE CONDITIONS FOR AGRICULTURE

## **Major Agricultural Crops**



"Cherri" Tomato



Cucumber



Beans

#### **CITRUS FRUITS**



Grapefruit



Lemon



Orange

FIELD CROPS



Cotton



Sunflower



Wheat





Beef



Fishing & Aquaculture



Poultry

#### **HIGHESTYIELDS IN THE WORLD!**

## **Technology & Agriculture**





Technology has been the backbone for agricultural development!

## The World of Ag Tech





FERTIGATION

#### PLASTICULTURE

**MICRO IRRIGATION** 



**RENEWABLE ENERGY** 

Ag Tech provides answers to all our questions!

## **Pitching Technology to Farmer**



#### **APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY**

Technologies that cognize for the socio-cultural-economic

conditions of the farming community









LOCALLY CONTROLLED

Requires deep understanding of farmer needs

## Farm Sustainability @ ITC





Young & Passionate Team of Agricultural Graduates & Engineers



Contemporary Technology Experimentation



**Design to Dissemination** 



Focus on Farmer Profitability & Sustainability

### **Elements of Sustainability**

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## Farm Sustainability Framework





## Soil Health Management



#### Soil Fertility Management

<u>Vermi</u> <u>Composting</u>



Farm Yard Manuring



<u>Green</u> <u>Manuring</u>



#### **Soil Compaction Management**





#### Soil Compaction Diagnosis







#### Sub Soiling

- ✓ 15" Hard Pan breaking
- ✓ 10-15%Yield increase
- Erosion & rainfall resilience

## Site Specific Nutrient Management



Variation of a Soil Fertility parameter in Kurnool



#### SSNM Site Specific Nutrient Management

A Nutrient Management system that tailors nutrient recommendations according to **local soil fertility status**.



Generation of Large scale Soil Fertility Maps by manual sampling takes humongous effort & time

## Soil Fertility Mapping using RS & GIS





**Remote Sensing** 



Geographic Information Systems





Spatial Nutrient Variability Maps

## **Seedling Production Technologies**

#### **Green Tech System**



For small farmers (< 4 Ha)

- ✓ Higher Yield
- ✓ Lower water consumption
- ✓ Weather resilience
- ✓ Zero disease incidence



#### Float System



For commercial nurseries (> 20 Ha)

- ✓ Zero seedling mortality
- ✓ Least water consumption
- ✓ Minimum labor dependency
- ✓ Weather resilience

## **Micro Irrigation**







- ✓ 30% Higher Productivity
- ✓ Economical Design Costs < \$600/acre
- ✓ Better Crop Quality



### **Farm Mechanization**



**MECHANIZATION MENU** 









#### **Field Evaluation Trials**



#### Farmer Training & Demonstrations



## **Dissemination Models**

#### Farmer Group Model – Big Farmers



• Farmer group purchase a set of implements & share between each other

• Combined seasonal capacity of **200 acres** 

<u>Custom Hiring Model – Small Farmers</u>



• Seasonal capacity of 100 acres

### **Community Development**



#### **TANK REHABILITATION**



3,90,800 CU.M. Water

Harvesting Potential



2,000 Ha.

**Soil Moisture Conservation** 

#### **ENERGY PLANTATIONS**

#### LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

**AGRI BUSINESS CENTRES** 



700 Ha

**Eucalyptus Plantations** 

41,600

**Artificial Inseminations** 

#### **COMPOST UNITS**



130 Units NADEP Composting Pits





### **Farmer Empowerment**





#### Sandesh for farmers



- Interface with farmers through **mobile telephony**
- Communication in vernacular language and English
- Voice & SMS based information delivery

## **'Village' Centric Approach**





#### Integrated deployment of interventions in a village, round the year!

Crop	Research &	Farm	Community
Management	Development	Sustainability	Development
Farmer Profitability &		Quality Conformance	
Community Connect		Issues	

### **Our Sustainability Journey**











#### **CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE SPICES**

### **Market Connect**



#### Transforming sustainability as a key value proposition to customers



Embedding sustainability as a competitive advantage!

## Recognition



World Business and Development Award 2012 at the historic Rio+20 United Nations Summit

FICCI Award for Outstanding Achievement in Rural & Community Development (2009-10)

Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> among top companies in India and 7<sup>th</sup> in Asia in the Asian Sustainability Rating released by CSR Asia (2009-10)



First Indian Company to gain membership of WWF GFTN for responsible forestry (2009-10)

UNIDO Award at the International Conference on Sharing Innovative Agribusiness Solutions at Cairo (2008)

First Indian Company to be awarded Development Gateway Award for its trail blazing e-Choupal initiative (2005)







Building sustainability in Indian spices production ecosystem involves time, effort, human resources, passion & a lot of money!



ITC employs more than 50 Managers, Technicians & Field Extension workers in the

implementation of sustainability

#### Walking the Talk

Demonstrating the Walk

### **ITC & Sustainability**



#### Building a Sustainable Value Chain begins at the farm







#### And ITC has got its Head, Heart & Hands on Sustainability

### **ITC Spices : Business Vision**





#### Building & sustaining a strong base of

# **1 MILLION FARMERS**

To be a world leader in sustainable agriculture by empowering the Indian farmer to capture

greater value in global markets



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For more information, please visit us @ Stall # 26 today!

## **Indian Spices Production Landscape**





#### 'Village' Centric Approach





#### **STANDARDS COMPLIANCE**



#### CAPABILITY BUILDING