

Empowering The Farmers

Theme: Life In Lockdown

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Lockdown Scenario

- How might Ashok, Farmer at rural village, sell harvested low span vegetables & fruits without loss?
- 2. How might Narayanan, Landlord, sell highly perishable goods like vegetables & fruits to those in need, those who don't have a access to fresh food in lockdown?
- 3. How might Karthik, Farmer, export the sugarcane & turmeric with lack of transport and storage ?



Problem Identified

PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

How do you think farmers can find a way to sell their highly perishable fruits and vegetables to those who are in need and also make some profit during the lockdown?

WHY IS IT A CRUCIAL PROBLEM?

- There are 70% of rural households still depending primarily on agriculture for their livelihood, with 82% of people depending on agriculture as a secondary income
- Some of them need to repay the agriculture loan.
 And Some are cultivating in Rental land..
- Due to imbalance of supply, common people are facing price hike issues





Target User Persona



NARAYANAN

Job Title : **Farmer**

Gender: Male

Family Setting : Married

Age Group: 30 +

DEMOGRAPHICS

Income: Above Average

Education: Graduated College University

GEOGRAPHY

Location: Tindivam (villupuram Dist), Tamilnadu

FRUSTRATION

- While supplying the vegetables to market
 Police couldn't considering the e-passes
- Unable to determine the price
- No cold storage is available to store fruits
- Regular agencies not available

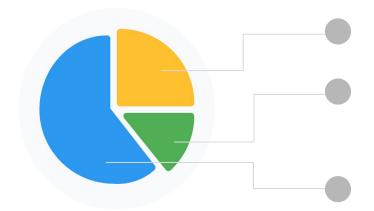
GOALS

- Get Profit (o % loss)
- Fulfill customer demand
- Utilize/marketing entire goods
- Healthy food, Healthy life

Explorations

SOLUTIONS & IDEAS

- Assist farmers to sell their vegetables and crops with the help of agencies
- Seek Organization help (to be a middleman)
- Organization keeps track of harvesting
- Organization helps in transportation of vegetables and crops from the farmers to the common hub once farmer calls the organization
- For the low lifespan vegetables, cold storage will be provided
- Vegetables and crops will be collected from the common hub by agencies
- Provision of QR Code to each vehicle carrying the vegetables and crops which can be scanned by police department to permit transportation
- Provide opportunities to sell vegetables by vehicles





Solution

HOW DOES THE SOLUTION ADDRESS THE IDENTIFIED PROBLEM

Keeping all the problems in mind, such as:

- Waiting in a long queue
- Low span vegetables and fruits going on waste because they are unable to be sold
- Farmers not being able to find agencies
- Local selling prices being two times lesser than the agency's selling price
- Storage and transportation issues during the crisis

We tried to ideate and implement solutions to these problems and the solutions include

- Digital arrangements for selling vegetables and crops with the help of agencies, organization and farmers where the organization will be the middleman
- Vegetables, crops and fruits with low lifespan will be transported using cold storage system and this way wastage of goods can be reduced.
- Token system will be provided to each farmer for security purpose. And since there is a pricing problem, only when the farmer finalises the price and collects the price from the agency, the goods can be sold.
- When the farmers notify the organization either through phone call or digital methods, the organization makes necessary arrangements for the transportation depending on the weight of the goods





User Experience

- Based on our study 7/10 Farmers have **Smartphones**. They have already adapted to use it.
- The digital platform saves more **time** from waiting in queue to get price for their goods.
- Get **permission** for the transport in a **single process** (vendor)
- **Sell** products from home (farmer)
- Get updates from Mobile (vendor need not visit the Organisation during lockdown)

Prototype links



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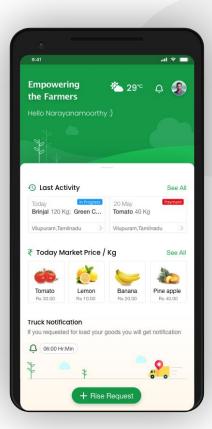


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How Our solution will Act from Farmer's end





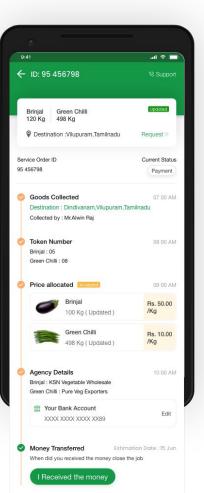
Landing Screen with necessary information

Application helps

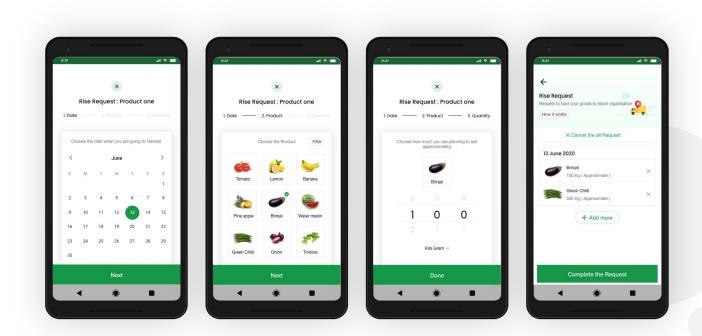
- 1. Raise request to load commodity
- 2. Able to raise request for vehicles from local pick point
- 3. Able to track their goods status
- 4. Know the current market price
- 5. Instant updates about goods

Track Commodity Status at one place

When the goods are collected, Token number, Price details, Able to accept & request high Price, Get payment



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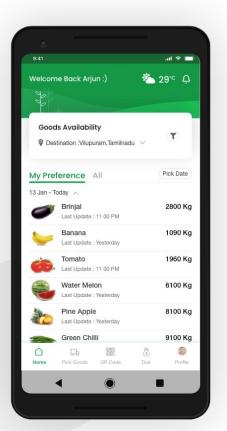
3 click to add commodity in request list



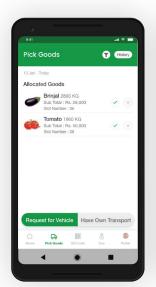
How Our solution will help the vendor

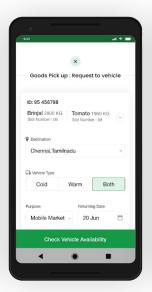
Landing Screen

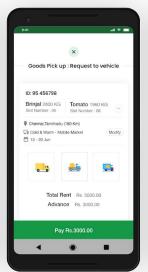
- Able to check product **availability** from anywhere
- Check whatever is needed via set preferred commodity, preferred location
- Track payment due Pay from mobile and forget about standing in queue.

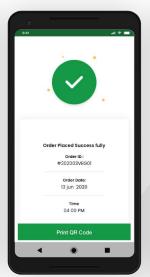


Shifting goods with the help of Organisation Vehicle









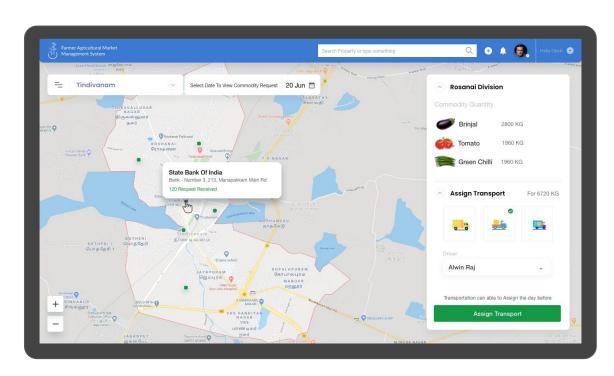


- Able to pick products by their own transport & Organisation transport,
- Need not fear about Social distancing, Just fill the form via mobile and Upload the goods whenever possible
- QR code helps on Road to get permitted from Traffic Staffs + No need to handle paper documents.

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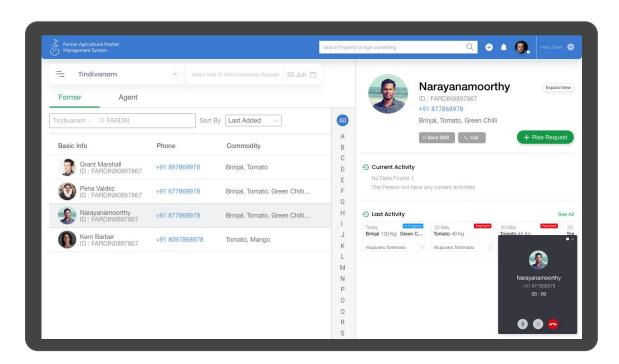
Digital System Introducing Agriculture Product Market Committee



- Access all division & local pickup point details from single page
- Auto assign Cold & Warm Storage Vehicle for each Pickup point



Digital System Introducing Agriculture Product Market Committee



- 24 X 7 offline support
- Specially concentrated on non technical people.
 They can connect via toll free number
- 3 click to get Farmer & Agent details

Process

Human Centric Design

Inspiration



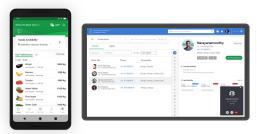
- Get to know farmers problem through television.
- Connect with known farming people via mobile (due to lockdown)
- Listen to their Past & current story
- Via miro board dive into process

Ideation



- Get to know the existing process
- Opportunity: Agriculture product market committee; Aavin milk collection center; Gas booking via 2 min automated call.
- QR code for police verification

Implementation



- Tamilnadu Govt. is also working on creating online platform. It is easy to implement this with their help.
- Concept is tested with farmers and modified based on comments.
- Solution can be used even after lock down.

Impact

Problem 1: Until the agency confirms the price, farmers have to wait which would take quite a long time **Solution**: We have come to a conclusion, where the slots will be booked digitally and the amount confirmation message will be sent via app or phone call. Once the farmer accepts the amount, it will be transferred from the agency to farmer's account and that way we can save some amount of time



Problem 2: Possibilities of farmer's ID being misused

Solution: We have introduced QR Code scanning system which will be scanned by the police department

and gives access to transportation. It also avoids the misuse of ID

Problem 3: Keeping low lifespan vegetables fresh

Solution: We have introduced cold storage system. It keeps the low lifespan vegetables at the temperature we set and also keeps them fresh and makes them last longer

Problem 4 : Small vendors / Retailer not able to find proper transportation

Solution: We have introduced cold & warm storage type of vehicle renting system. It helps them to relocate the commodities to fulfill the demands of common people.



FRESH VEGETABLES

Execution & Viability

- Tamilnadu agriculture product market committee is already taking care of the physical distribution of goods.
- However, if the same concept can be implemented digitally, using slot booking method and transporting the goods in trucks with cold storage system, the wastage of low span vegetables and fruits can be avoided during the crisis.
- 7/10 Farmers have smartphones and they have already adapted to use it.
- Non technical people have an experience of connecting with artificial customer service [Gas booking, Network(SIM) Complaint] so it is easy to connect with organisation
- For online money transaction we can sync 3rd party applications (many applications are available in market)
- Feasible one.

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