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# Seaweed Extract based "SAGARIKA" for Increasing Farmers Profitability & Agricultural Sustainability.

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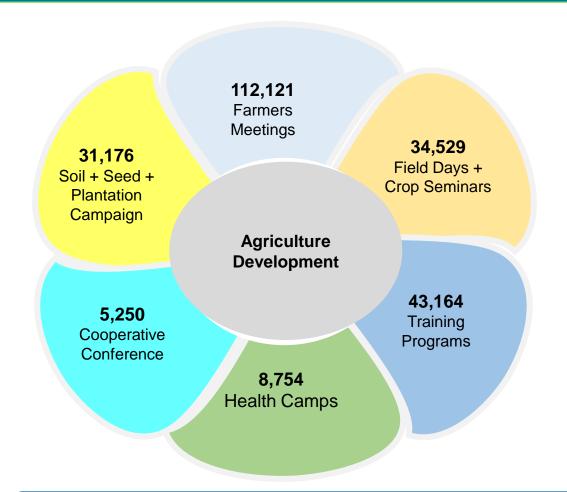
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### Farmer's Trust - IFFCO's Approach







2.9 million soil samples tested; 18,501 Villages Adopted; 58,093 Field Demonstrations; 0.24 million Critical Input Kits distributed (Note: Average 30 such programmes are being held across India daily.)

### Indian Agriculture – Focus



### Doubling Farm Income by 2022

- Average Income
  Farmer
  household: In
  2015-16 US\$
  1,505.27 to be
  - 1,505.27 to be increased to US\$ 3,420.21 by 2022-23 ( at current prices )

#### Infrastructure Development

- Irrigation facilities
  - Micro-irrigation fund by NABARD (US\$ 750 million)
  - Pradhan
     Mantri Krishi
     Sinchai Yojana
     (PMKSY) (US\$
     7.7 billion)
- Warehousing and cold storage // Processing Units

### Ensuring Sustainability

- Soil Health
- Organic Agriculture
- Resource conservation
- Input Optimisation

### Promoting Crop Diversification

- Horticultural and High Value crops
- Crop
   Diversification
   e.g.
   Coconut, Jojo
   ba, Quinoa, dr
   agonfruit, Oilp
   alm etc.

#### Climate Resilience Smart Agriculture

- Low Ecological Footprint
- Green House Gas (GHG's) / pollution reduction
- Make Agriculture less Energy Intensive

### India Trend: New Opportunities





- Increase in Area under Drip
- Govt. Policy Support for
   1) Secondary &
   Micronutrients and
   2) Organic Agriculture
- Technology Infusion through promotion of Fertigation (precision agriculture)

- ✓ Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) on Subsidised Fertilisers
- ✓ Premium on Optimum & Balanced use of Mineral Fertilisers
- ✓ Scope for Speciality
   Fertiliser / Value added
   Fertilisers

- ❖ Focus on New nutrient grades; Innovation through partnership and collaboration; promotion of eco-friendly micronutrients and pesticide coated Slow Release fertilisers

- WSF's (Value added products) MarketEvolving
- Crop Specific & Area
   Specific Requirement of
   Water soluble Fertilisers
- ☐ Blends with

  Micronutrients / Humic —

  Amino Acids / Seaweed

  and Additives such as

  Silicon etc.
- Market of Micronutrients& Bio Stimulants Merging

### Tech-Impact Across Agri Value Chain - India

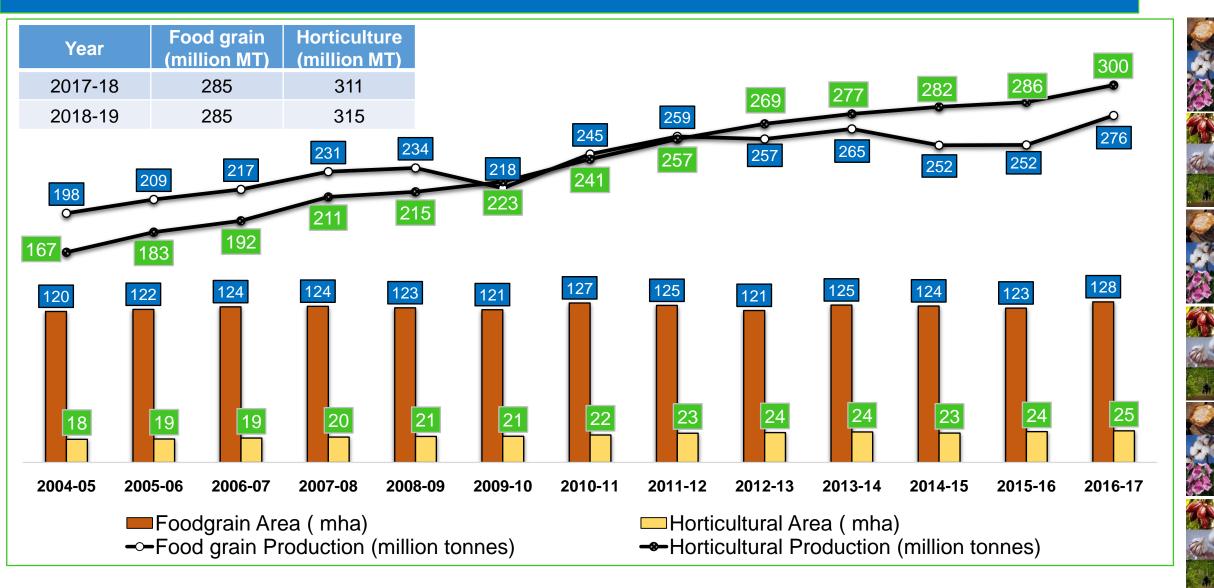


Application (Potential Tech.)	Impact (Billion USD)	Reach	Productivity & Value gains
Hybrid & GM crops	1-4	10 % of 92 million MT produce under modified crop	5-10 % Productivity Improvement
Precision Farming	8-30	20 % Arable land under Precision Agriculture	15-60 % Yield Improvement
Real time Market Information	10-15	90 million (60 %) of farmers use real time market information	Increased productivity & price realization; Cheaper Inputs
Reducing Leakages and Wastage	27-32	47 Billion USD worth of wastage in India (Post Harvest)	65 % reduction in Wastage & leakage through Integrated Value Chain

Source: McKinsey Global Institute 2015 Report

### India Trend: Food Grain vs Horticulture Production





#### Efficient Input Marketing & Management A Model Approach



#### **Policies** Integration

INM, KCC, Farm Insurance, Farm mechanisation, Others

#### **Fertiliser** Management-

Demand, Supply & Logisitics

Site specfic fertiliser **Production & Positioning** (Part of DBT)

#### **Integration** of

Dealers/Salepoints with Organic / Biological products at local level

(Innovative Product Solutions\*)

- Biofertilisers
- Biostimulants (Seaweed extract, Humic, amino acid etc.)
- Water Soluble Fertilisers
- Nano fertilisers

#### **Quality Control**

- Soil Testing Sampling standards & Accreditations
- Indices of Soil Testing / **Moisture Indices**

#### **Soil Health Mapping** (National Strategy)

- Pilot Blocks
- Soil Health Atlas &
- Statewise / Taluka wise/ Block wise/ Village wise - Crop wise Recommendations

#### SOIL **HEALTH**

#### **Establishing Sites of Learning** (Centre of Excellence)

showcasing STCR, SSNM, IPNS, Precision Farming -Drip fertigation, Conservation agriculture, Nutrient Expert etc.

#### Knowledge Dissemination &

Training & Skill Building; Farmers Advisory & Feedback

(GIS & Thematic Maps)

### Status of Value Added Fertilisers In India



6 Grades In Fertiliser Control Order 100 % WSF's (Complex) (FCO);

Other mixture grades ( > 40 grades)



Urea

USG Improves NUE Super Granule by 15-25 %;

Needs policy push for Viability & Acceptability



Neem coated Urea

Both Indigenous & Imported Urea is Neem coated



NPK complex **Fertilisers** fortified with zinc, Zincated NP. Fortified Zincated Urea; Boronated

NPK and SSP

20 Grades



**Customised** 

27 Customized Fertiliser Grades for Different Crops

Coated & Slow Release Fertilisers Sulphur Coated Urea (SCU) ? Polymer coated? Nitrification / Urease Inhibitors?

#### **Biofertilisers**

- ❖ 10 different strains & Consortia of biofertilisers (Solid & Liquid)
- Component of INM as well as in Organic farming

Bio Stimulan ts/ **Organics** 

- Nano fertilisers
- Seaweed
- Humic / Protein hydrly. /
- Decomposers
- Compost / Manures

### Plant Growth Promoter (PGP) / Biostimulants



'SAGARIKA' – Liquid (28 % w/v) SAGARIKA Z++ (Granules)







- Globally Patented Technology: CSIR- CSMCRI, Bhavnagar, Gujarat, India
- Components: Contains natural seaweed sap derived Proteins, Carbohydrates, Inorganic salts /nutrients, Vitamins, Natural hormones (Auxin, Cytokinins, Gibberellins) Betaines, Mannitol etc.
- Packing Size: 100ml / 250ml / 500ml / 1000ml; 10 Kg Bucket / Bag
- Source: Aquagri Processing Private Ltd.( A JV of IFFCO)
- Benefits:
  - Acts as Soil Conditioner & Soil Microbes Activator
  - Improves Stress Tolerance & Pest Resistance Ability
  - Yield Booster & Quality Enhancer
- Application Rate & Method
  - Seed soaking / Seedling treatment @ 0.1 0.3 %
  - Foliar @ 0.25 0.5 % (1 2 litre / hectare)
  - Fertigation: Apply as per soil, crop Growth Stage & Schedule
  - Basal Application @ 25 Kg /ha; Horticultural plants @ 100-150 gram / plant
- Shelf Life: 5 Years
- Quality: Certified by IMO and Indian Society for Certification of Organic Products (ISCOP) as per APEDA NPOP Standards















### Key Drivers - Sagarika



#### **Effective Biostimulant.**

**Economic Yield** improvement

**'GREEN'** plant Biostimulant

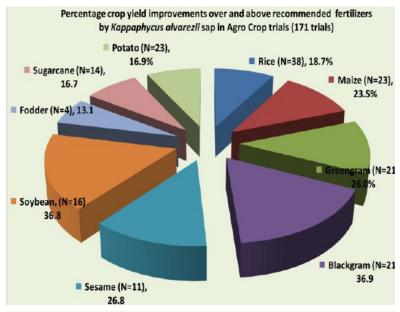
Suitability for Climate Resilient Agriculture & Organic Farming

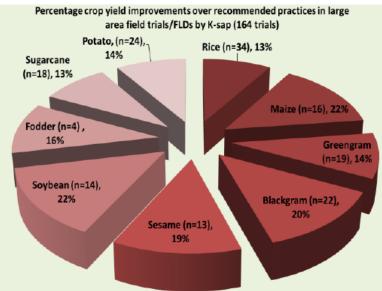
**Pest Control** 

- Major and micro nutrients, phytohormones like indole-acetic acid, cytokinins and gibberellins; Quaternary ammonium compounds like glycine betaine, choline chloride leads Carbohydrate content improves because of application of seaweed sap.
- Oilseeds > pulses > cereals > sugar/starch > grass/fodder crops. (
   Can enhance the pulse yield in India and rainfed crops)
- Positive Results found in floriculture and vegetable crops
- Life cycle assessment of Kappaphycus seaweed sap production revealed a very favourable carbon foot print (118.6 kg CO2 equivalent per kilo litre)
- In moisture stress condition maize crop yield enhanced with one application at grain filling stage.
- Work done on maize revealed a significant reduction in Global warming potential (GWP) upon the use of sap
- It modulated the action of plant disease related genes and confers tolerance against plant diseases.
- Soil microbes in moisture stress conditions found at par with that in normal irrigated conditions.

### Seaweed Extract Demonstrations (CSIR-CSMCRI)





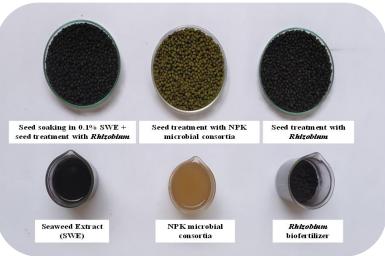




- √ 335 trials carried out Pan-India (20 States; 43 SAU's/
  ICAR Institutes) affirmed that Kappahycus
  biostimulant improves crop yields.
- ✓ Yield increase in range of 11 % 36 % recorded in different crops.

# Effect of seaweed extract on Growth, Productivity & profitability of Greengram (Vigna radiata) (CO8):TNAU, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu







	Treatments	Germination (%)	Shoot length (cm)	Root length (cm)	Vigour Index
T <sub>1</sub>	RDF + ST with Rhizobium	92 (73.7)	17.6	18.8	3367
T <sub>2</sub>	RDF + ST with NPK microbial consortia at 10 ml/kg of seed	94 (75.9)	18.2	20.6	3647
<b>T</b> <sub>3</sub>	RDF + ST with NPK consortia + SWE spray on 25 DAS	94 (75.9)	18.4	20.8	3685
T <sub>4</sub>	RDF + ST with NPK consortia + SWE spray on 25 and 35 DAS	94 (75.9)	18.6	20.2	3628
<b>T</b> <sub>5</sub>	RDF + seed soaking in SWE and ST with <i>Rhizobium</i>	97 (80.1)	19.2	21.9	3926
T <sub>6</sub>	RDF + ST with SWE & <i>Rhizobium</i> + SWE spray on 25 DAS	97 (80.8)	19.3	21.7	3936
<b>T</b> <sub>7</sub>	RDF + ST with SWE & <i>Rhizobium</i> + SWE spray on 25 and 35 DAS	97(80.1)	19.6	21.6	3994

ST: Seed treatment, SWE: Seaweed extract, RDF (recommended dose):

25:50:25 kg of NPK/ha)

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Tre	atments	Grain yield	Haulm yield	Harvest index
T <sub>1</sub>	RDF + ST with <i>Rhizobium</i>	989	1993	33.2
T <sub>2</sub>	RDF + ST with NPK microbial consortia at 10 ml/kg of seed	1018	2036	33.3
T <sub>3</sub>	RDF + ST with NPK consortia + SWE spray on 25 DAS	1078	2121	33.7
T <sub>4</sub>	RDF + ST with NPK consortia + SWE spray on 25 and 35 DAS	1118	2192	33.8
T <sub>5</sub>	RDF + seed soaking in SWE and ST with Rhizobium	1037	2061	33.5
T <sub>6</sub>	RDF + seed soaking in SWE & ST with Rhizobium + SWE spray on 25 DAS	1145	2233	33.9
T <sub>7</sub>	RDF + seed soaking in SWE & ST with Rhizobium + SWE spray on 25 and 35 DAS	1248	2416	34.1

Application of 100% RDF (25:50:25 NPK) + Seed soaking in (0.1%) SWE followed by seed treatment with Rhizobium & Foliar application of SWE (0.25%) on 25 & 35 DAS resulted into 26 % increase over RDF + ST with Rhizobium)

#### Effect of seaweed extract on Growth, Productivity & Profitability of Greengram









### IFFCO Chair ( State Agriculture Universities)

BCKVV, Nadia, West Bengal (Effect of Sagarika on Performance of Green gram Crop ( SAMRAT ( PDM-9)



#### UAS, Dharwad, Karnataka (Efficacy of sagarika (liquid) for enhancing the productivity of greengram)

#### Results

- 1) Sagarika liquid applied as seed soaking (0.1 %) & 2 foliar sprays (@ 0.25 %) at 21 & 42 DAS along with RDF (@ 120 Kg NPK/ha) resulted into 35 % increase in yield (2.58 qtl /ha) over RDF (7.3 qtl /ha)
- 2) Basal Application of Sagarika granule @ 25 Kg /ha alongwith RDF (@ 120 Kg NPK/ha) resulted into 33.2 % increase in yield (2.43 qtl/ha) over RDF (7.3 qtl/ha).
- **3)** 25 % Reduction in RDF ( @ 90 Kg/ha) alongwith application of Sagarika granule @ 25 Kg /ha resulted into 31.5 % increase in yield (2.3 qtl/ha) over RDF (7.3 qtl/ha)

Application of RDF (75 Kg NP/ha) + Sagarika @ 0.1 % seed soaking + seed treatment (Rhizobium+ PSB) + Foliar spray of Sagarika @ 0.25 % at pre flowering stage resulted into 16.2 % more yield (1.45 qtl) over control yield (8.93 qtl/ha) receiving 100 % RDF (75 Kg NP/ha) + seed treatment (rhizobium and PSB)

#### Effect of seaweed extract on Growth, Productivity & Profitability Crops



IFFCO Chair ( State Agriculture Universities)	Results		
SVBPUAT, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh Nutrient management in Wheat for improving fertilizer use efficiency, soil biodiversity and productivity in Indo Gangetic plains of U.P.	31.8 % higher yield in 2017-18 & 27.9 % higher yield in 2018-19 over RDF was recorded by treatment receiving RDF + FYM @ 5 MT/ha + NPK – BF + Foliar spray of NPK (18-18-18) +Sagarika Liquid (0.25 %) at 55 -70 DAS		
CCSHAU, Haryana Nutrient optimization through organic & inorganic resources in wheat	8.7 % higher yield (5 qtl/ha) was recorded with 75% NPK + seed treatment with NPK Consortia @5ml /kg of seed + FYM 10t/ha		
CSAUAT, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh Nutrient optimization through organic and inorganic resources in rice- wheat cropping system. Rice( NDR-359) – Wheat (PBW -343) Cropping System	Highest average yield of grain (48.33 q ha-1) and straw (60.40 q ha-1) in rice and grain (3.93 q ha-1) and straw yield (53.59) in wheat was recorded with the application of 75% NPK alongwith basal application of 25 kg/ha Sagarika granules + 2 sprays of 0.25% of Sagarika & 2% of WSF (18:18:18)		

#### Effect of Sagarika on Cotton Productivity, CICR, Maharashtra



Cotton + Pigeonpea (Mixed Crop) 2017-18 Location: 1) Central Institute of Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur Farm and 2) Farmers Field (30 Nos.); Kamleshwar Taluka, Nagpur

Experiments – 1) Evaluation of Sagarika as Seed Treatment, Foliar & Soil Application; 2) Evaluation of Foliar application of Sagarika at different critical growth stages of cotton under 2 supplemental irrigation

#### Results:

- 1) Soil application of Sagarika (28 %) granule @ 25 Kg / ha lead to 28 % higher seed cotton yield over RDF with 25 % saving in Fertiliser
- 2) Single spray of Sagarika Liquid before squaring resulted into 20 % more boll formation and 25 % increase in seed cotton yield over farmers practice
- 3) Inspite of severe seedling drought condtions of about 1 month in 2018, 2 supplemental irrigation alongwith 2 foliar application of Sagarika (@ 2ml / litre) before squaring and flowering resulted into higher seed cotton yield

#### Phytopathological Effect of Sagarika





plants

- Red rot (Colletotrichum falcatum) adversely affects
   Cane yield and have en led to decimation of many varieties. It reduces :
  - Cane yield by 29 %
  - Sugar recovery by 31%
  - Sucrose content by 75 %
  - Juice yield by 90 %
- In India, it has been estimated that Annual loss of revenue (India estimated): 500 and 1000 million USD
- Sagarika treated sugarcane were found to have no such fungal disease whereas it was observed with control plants (J. Appl. Phycol. 2017, 29, 3245-3252)

#### Phytotoxicity study of SAGARIKA









 No phytotoxicity of any kind was observed on snake gourd grown under field conditions when treated with Sagarika Liquid used as foliar applications at various dosage rates.

### Effect of Sagarika on Tea Productivity, Assam









Name of Tea Planter & Location	Area (sq. ft.)	Yield (Kg)		
		Planter Practice	IFFCO Practice (Application of Sagarika @ 5ml/lit. + WSF 18:18:18 @ 2 gm/lit.)	
Bangshi Saikia (Melamati, Titabar, Jorhat, Assam)	8640	45	55.5	
Putul Das(Melamati, Titabar, Jorhat, Assam)	5760 sq. ft.	29	40	
Rajib Saikia Borpothorua, Golaghat	5760 sq. ft.	42.5	53	

Economics (1 ha Area): Price of 1 Kg Tea leaf Rs 15

Treated Plot: Production @ 650 kg per plucking (4 times)= 9750\*4= Rs 39000

Control plot: Production @ 525 kg per plucking (4 times) =7875\* 4 = Rs 31500

Additional Cost in Treated plot (Sagarika 3 litre, WSF (18:18:18), 3 Mandays) = Rs 2330

Benefit in Treated plot over Control (BCR) = 3:1

### "Effect of Sagarika on Grape Productivity, Karnataka



Grapes Varieties :	Dilkush & Bangalore Blue		
IFFCO Adopted Village ( District)	Kolavanahally (Chikkaballapura )		
Demonstration (Area)	6 Ha		
Farmers (Nos.)	9		
Sagarika Application @ 2.5 ml/ Litre of Water ( 250ml/Acre):	1 <sup>st</sup> Spray Pruning; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Spray Before Flowering; 3 <sup>rd</sup> Spray During Flowering; 4 <sup>th</sup> Spray Berries development		
Yield			
Control Plot	39.42 MT / ha		
Treated Plot (Avg)	48.41 MT / ha		
% Increase	23(Rs 2.15 Lakhs)		





#### Effect of Sagarika on Sugarcane Productivity, Karnataka



Сгор	Ratoon Sugarcane ( Co 86032)		
Village ( District)	Yakkeri, Savadatti ( Belgaum)		
Name of Farmer	Pujar Yallahoovappa		

Application :
Root Dip @ 0.1 % V/V & Foliar
@ 2.5 – 5 ml/ Litre

1st Spray at Tiller Sprouting (45

Foliar Days; 2nd Spray 90 Days & 3rd

Spray at 125 Days



K sap Conc. (%)	Quality Parameters		Quantity Parameters				
	Brix	POL	Purity	Recovery	Cane Yield /Ha	Sugar Yield	Cane Yield Increase Over
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(MT)	(Kg)/MT	Control (%)
10	21.20	19.95	94.10	12.24	125.089	1224	19.92%
30	20.84	19.46	93.38	12.29	133.467	1229	27.95%
50	21.92	20.34	92.79	12.81	146.198	1281	40.16%
Control	19.86	18.59	93.60	11.75	104.308	1175	<b></b> 21

#### Promotional Efforts for Sagarika







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#### Special Sales Campaign & SPPT Programmes



- Location : Warud Block, Amrawati, Maharashtra
- Selection: 500 Orange plants from orchards of 20 farmers of 6 villages' (Pusla, Singori, Hiwarkhed, Benoda, Jamgaon khadka and Palsona)

#### Santra Kit for Farmers

- 1) Sagarika 300 gm/plant Soil Application
- 2) Bentonite sulphur 125 gm/plant Soil Application
- 3) NPK Consortia 10ml in 3 lit water per plant (soil drenching)
- 4) PSB bio fertilizer 20 ml in 3 lit water per plant Soil drenching
- 5) Urea Phosphate (17:44:00) 2 % Spray + 0.5 % Magnesium Sulphate foliar application
- 6) Magnesium Sulphate 100 gm/plant Soil application
- 7) Zinc Sulphate 50 gm/plant





Photo 1 & 2 : Sale point Personnel Training (SPPT) Programme at Satara & Koregaon TKVS, Maharashtra

#### Snapshots of IFFCO's Promotional Programmes







<u>Application of Granular Sagarika & Liquid</u> <u>Sagarika leads to Happy Farmers SUGARCANE</u>

Farmer name : Balappa Shivappa Jalihal

Village & State: Bankneri, Karnataka

Application of Granular Sagarika & Liquid Sagarika leads to Happy Farmers: CAULIFLOWER
Farmer name: Patel Kalpeshbhai Jayantibhai Village & State: Prantij (Sabarkantha), Gujarat

#### Snapshots of IFFCO's Promotional Efforts









### Way Forward



- ➤ Quality control aspects for seaweed based products would be addressed to a large extent once the product is legitimized and brought under fair legislation.
- Seaweed Extract based products/ Biostimulant are becoming integral part of integrated nutrient management (INM). It should be part of state wise crop recommendations too as part of package & practices of crops.
- Awareness needs to be created about mode of action and appropriate concentration levels for seaweed application for seed, soil, foliar, drip, hydroponics etc.
- Cultivation or availability of quality seed material is key issue that will determine the profitability of the sector in real terms and real benefit to the growers.





### THANK YOU

"We acknowledge Field Officers of IFFCO who have helped implement, innovate and market the concept of specialty fertilizers leading to TRANSFER AND ADOPTION OF IMPROVED FARM TECHNOLOGIES across India"