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India being the second largest populated country has great demand for own food. Since independence, we are thriving hard to achieve self-sufficiency in agriculture through designed five year plans. On completion of 13th five year plan, self-sufficiency remains a dream.

We have enough resources and estimated that nine percentage of India's land are either barren or under-utilized. What we lack is a clear vision and sustainable technology. We need to have certain novel eco-friendly technology with good manufacturing practice. More over India is facing crucial unemployment rate as high as 8.32% which targets 8.5 million additional jobs to educated youth.

In the above context, it is relevant to introduce Mr. John Stephan as a unique veteran in agriculture with the most viable technology. His visionary to achieve India's selfsufficiency in agriculture produce is remarkable and practical. His specific approach yields pest free vegetables in most organic sterile ways. It also offers tremendous job opportunities to Indian youth. He gathered his confidence from decade's long research.

His agricultural practice was devoid of natural soil and cattle manure, Nutrient supply to plants is more specific. I found healthy plants even in absence of pesticides. The fruits and vegetables derived from his farm were most hygienic, tastier and healthy. I grade his approach as viable and provide vast opportunities to our motherland for generating export oriented quality organic vegetables.

I wish him all success in this future endeavor.

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