Availability of Farmers in our Gadgets

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Abstract- **This study proposes "Availability of Farmers in Your Gadgets," a smartphone application that serves as a comprehensive and inclusive digital platform to close the gap between urban customers and rural farmers. The application, which was developed with Firebase as the backend-as-a-service (BaaS) solution and Flutter for cross-platform mobile development, provides secure authentication, dynamic data processing, and real-time interaction. Real-time inventory management, product uploading with price, quantity, and description, and admin-controlled onboarding are all available to farmers. In addition to adding things to their cart, customers may see past orders, track order status, and explore products using a variety of criteria.**

A centralized admin module includes tools for authorizing and managing farmer accounts, resolving disputes, and ensuring platform policies are followed. Delivery tracking, order history, and feedback submission all improve the user experience. With support for several regional languages, straightforward navigation, and real-time database sync, the program ensures digital inclusion, low-latency interactions, and resilient performance even under high-load scenarios. This platform drastically decreases post- harvest losses, eliminates middlemen, and supports a transparent agricultural trade, hence boosting economic empowerment for Indian farmers.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In India, where agriculture employs more than 65% of the population, market accessibility remains a major concern for farmers. Traditional marketing routes often include a series of intermediaries, each of which adds markup charges and delays payment cycles, reducing the farmer's profit margins and decision-making ability. Farmers are also unable to receive accurate demand feedback due to a lack of direct contact with consumers, which can result in overproduction or post-harvest waste.

These issues are exacerbated by rural farmers' lack of understanding and digital literacy about existing e-agriculture technologies such as Kisan Mandi and government-supported platforms. Many of these networks do not reach their full potential due to inadequate promotion, language difficulties, or cumbersome onboarding processes. As a result, a localized, user-friendly application is required to empower even non-technical individuals.

The digital revolution in India, powered by rising smartphone usage, government-led rural digital programs, and affordable mobile data, presents a great chance to modernize this process. With agricultural reforms favoring direct farm-to-market models, mobile platforms have the potential to improve farmer-consumer relations, increase market transparency, and enable data-driven decision-making.

This project provides a Flutter-based mobile application powered by Firebase that allows farmers to digitally promote their goods, establish competitive rates, and manage orders with simplicity. It enables farmers to submit high- resolution product photographs, specify quantities, and set delivery dates to boost customer confidence. The system includes offline data caching to handle places with sporadic internet connectivity, ensuring that main functionality is accessible at all times.

Consumers may browse fresh, locally sourced agricultural items, place orders, and make safe

payments without the need for middlemen. Product categorization is straightforward, and real-time search filters improve user navigation and discovery. The consumer experience is further improved by the integration of order history and repeat ordering functionality.

The app's accessibility and scalability are ensured by its language support, admin-managed farmer onboarding, and simple interfaces. Furthermore, it uses Firebase Cloud Messaging (FCM) to send real-time alerts regarding order confirmations, delivery status, and promotional updates, thereby preserving ongoing interaction with users and boosting transaction transparency.

The platform also fosters real-time communication, pricing transparency, and trust through features like user ratings, product reviews, and order history. The result is a comprehensive, scalable solution adapted to India's socioeconomic and digital transformation scenario, helping to empower farmers and promote sustainable Agri- commerce.

II. RELATED WORKS

Several earlier studies and practical initiatives have tried to use information and communication technologies (ICTs) to solve the digital divide in agriculture. [1] Abdul Kareem and Ibrahim Babatunde examined the role of ICT in sustainable agriculture in Nigeria and highlighted that most agricultural producers are smallholders, suggesting that the introduction of digital tools could significantly enhance their productivity and market access. This aligns with the vision of our app, which focuses on enabling small-scale farmers to independently reach broader markets using mobile technology. Similarly, other papers explored the ITC e-Choupal initiative, which brought internet- enabled kiosks to rural India [2]. Their research emphasized that the success of such platforms is rooted in active farmer participation and localized content supported by corporate networks. This insight influenced our decision to implement regional language support and a farmer onboarding system to promote inclusivity. Some papers assessed ICT utilization for commodity marketing in Nigeria and found that while ICT infrastructure exists, the actual usage among farmers was low due to barriers such as lack of training and awareness.

Our app addresses this by offering a simplified user interface, visual guidance, and local language options to ease adoption for digitally inexperienced users. Few papers discussed the challenges and prospects of adopting ICT in agriculture and identified end-user engagement and proper assessment as critical factors for successful digital platform implementation. This research reinforces the importance of our feedback and support module, which helps continuously gather insights from farmers and customers. Further, few collaborators demonstrated the pivotal role of ICT in improving the livelihoods of rural farmers by providing access to real-time market data, weather forecasts, and agricultural practices. Similarly, our platform incorporates real-time product updates and order tracking features that ensure farmers and customers receive timely information and service transparency. some papers offered a comparative view of opportunities and challenges in implementing IT for agricultural marketing in India and highlighted how ICT bridges the gap between rural producers and urban consumers. Our application is inspired by this model, aiming to function as a virtual mandi (market) where urban buyers can connect directly with farmers without intermediaries.

In another study, Dagar G. provided insights into Agricultural Marketing Information Systems (AMIS) and emphasized the need for real-time data in supporting marketing decisions [5]. Taking a similar approach, our app uses Firebase Fire store to ensure live synchronization of product data, availability status, and transactions, which helps users make informed buying or selling decisions. Few authors investigated the role of ICT in gender empowerment and poverty alleviation, concluding that digital technologies can be a powerful driver of inclusive economic development. Reflecting these values, our application is designed to be gender-neutral, accessible, and suitable for any smallholder farmer regardless of educational background. In another study, Janet Khyaa focused on technology dissemination in developing countries and stressed the importance of customizing ICT solutions to local needs. Following this direction, our solution was specifically designed with India's rural user base in mind, incorporating localized UX design, minimal system requirements, and compatibility with low-

end smartphones. These studies collectively underline the importance of context-aware, user- friendly, and farmer-centered platforms for ICT adoption in agriculture. Our project builds upon these foundations by integrating real-time features, multilingual accessibility, and an inclusive design that supports small-scale farmers in India through a mobile-first approach backed by Firebase and Flutter technologies. improvements in latency, throughput, and resource utilization. These studies collectively underline the importance of context- aware, user-friendly, and farmer-centered platforms for ICT adoption in agriculture. Our project builds upon these foundations by integrating real-time features, multilingual accessibility, and an inclusive design that supports small-scale farmers in India through a mobile-first approach backed by Firebase and Flutter technologies. improvements in latency, throughput, and resource utilization.

III. METHODOLOGY

The development and implementation of this mobile application involve a structured and user- centric approach, ensuring smooth interaction between all stakeholders, farmers, consumers, and system administrators. Users can register as Farmers or Customers using role-based registration. This guarantees that the application customizes its features according to the role that is chosen. While consumers may access the marketplace right away after registering, farmers must first undergo admin verification before their accounts can be activated. Using email and password credentials, Firebase Authentication protects the login process and facilitates smooth interaction with OAuth.

i. System Design

The system is designed as a lightweight web application aimed at bridging customers with local farmers. It ensures modularity, maintainability, and performance using a clear separation of frontend and backend responsibilities.

Client-Server Architecture:
- Client-side: Separate interfaces for Customer, Farmer, and Admin.
- Server-side: Handles routing, product management, user roles, order processing (built with Flask or similar backend)

Functional Modules:

Login & Role Management Module
- Inputs: Username, password
- Frontend: Login pages for Customer, Farmer, and Admin
- Backend Route: /login, /register, /auth_check
- Function: Authenticates user and redirects based on role Authentication & Security

Product Management Module (Farmer/Admin)
- Inputs: Product name, quantity, price, image, category Frontend: Product entry form
- Backend Routes: /add_product, /update_product, /delete_product
- Function: Farmers/Admins can add and manage product listings

Order Module (Customer)
- Inputs: Selected product, quantity
- Frontend: Product listing with "Order Now" button
- Backend Routes: /place_order, /view_orders
- Function: Allows customers to place orders and view past orders

Order Management Module (Farmer)
- Endpoints: /manage_orders, /accept_order, /reject_order
- Function: Displays incoming orders to the farmer with accept/reject actions and order status updates

Admin Dashboard Module

- Features:
  1. View all users (customers/farmers)
  2. Add/Remove farmers
  3. Monitor products and orders
- Routes: /admin_dashboard, /remove_user, /view_all_orders

ii. Step-by-Step Methodology

1. User Registration:

- Customers and farmers sign up using their email addresses or cell phone phones.
- Identity verification by Aadhaar, PAN, or other KYC forms is optional.
- Crop type, amount, location, and bank account information must be entered by farmers.

2. Language and Accessibility:
- Regional languages are supported by the application.
- Rural customers are guaranteed accessibility through a voice-guided interface/tutorial.

3. User Sign-In:
- Firebase Authentication provides secure access.
- Accepts OTP or password-based login.

4. Farmers Uploading Products:
- Farmers provide the product's name, price, quantity, description, and image in their listing.
- Regular stock and price updates are made possible via an intuitive interface.

5. Consumer Product Browsing:
- Filters such as location, price, and category are used to browse products.
- Consumers are assisted in making well-informed decisions via reviews and farmer profiles.

6. Ordering and Payment:
- Customers go to a secure checkout after adding items to their cart - Accepts wallet, card, and UPI payments.
- Direct payments are made to the associated accounts of farmers.

7. Logistics and Delivery:
- Either internal or external logistics partners are used to manage delivery.
- Farmers and customers may both track in real time.

8. Support and Feedback:
- Consumers evaluate and comment on items.

- A support centre deals with disagreements, hold-ups, or technological problems.

9. Admin Panel:
- Admins oversee users, track orders, regulate material, and authorize farms.
- This thorough process offers real-time updates, transparency, and user-centric control while guaranteeing seamless stakeholder interactions.
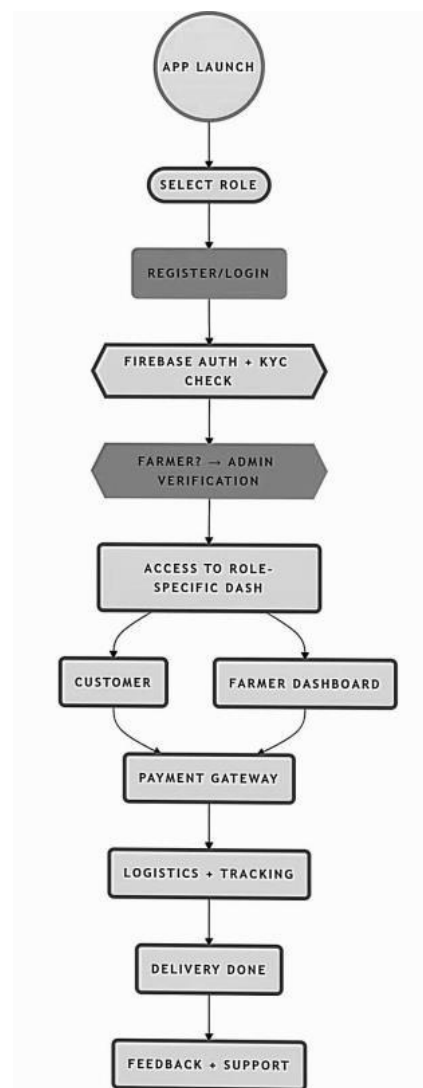

Fig 1: Flow Diagram of the Architecture

IV.   RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The suggested deployment of mobile applications has produced number of positive results that have a noticeable effect on farmers and customers alike. The increased market accessibility for farmers, especially small and marginal farmers, is one of the biggest advancements. Farmers may

now directly approach consumers by doing away with middlemen, which boosts their exposure and broadens their geographic reach. Farmers now enjoy higher profit margins as a direct result of this disintermediate, since producers keep the money that would have otherwise gone to wholesalers or merchants. The agricultural community's standard of living is enhanced by this change, which also encourages them to participate more actively in online sales. This initiative guarantees that consumers may obtain fresh, high-quality produce straight from the farmers. Customers are reassured of the legitimacy and place of origin of their goods, in addition to the nutritional content and flavor being improved. The architecture of the app facilitates easy product browsing and selection, supported by real-time price, farmer information, and user reviews—elements that promote openness and confidence in the purchasing process. Real- time order tracking is a crucial component that enhances the user experience. Farmers and customers may both keep an eye on the delivery process, which improves planning and convenience. Because farmers only harvest products after receiving confirmed orders, the strategy also reduces post-harvest losses by minimizing spoiling and waste. This strategy encourages effective logistical management and sustainable farming methods.

Additionally, this project makes a substantial contribution to the digitalization of rural areas. Farmers are exposed to digital tools through the promotion of mobile applications for agricultural marketing, which improves their technology literacy and provides access to further e-commerce and financial services. Future growth, including value-added services like weather updates, crop insurance, machinery rentals, and bulk purchase for institutions, is made possible by the model's scalability. With these improvements, the app might develop into a full-fledged Agri- service platform.
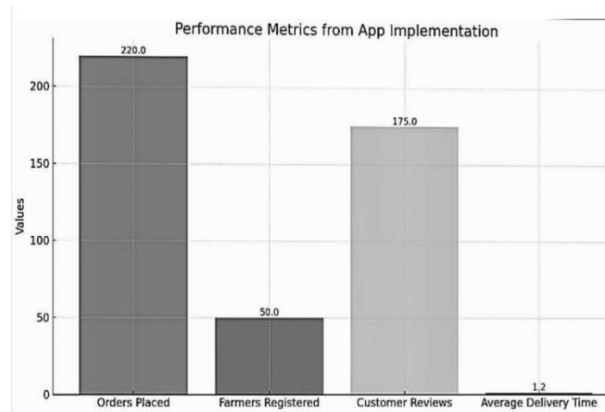

Fig 2: Performance Metrics of App

V. DISCUSSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

While the current model of "Availability of Farmers in Your Gadgets" provides a functional platform for connecting farmers with customers, there are several enhancements planned for the future to improve reliability, security, and user experience. One key area of improvement is the validation of user-provided addresses. Currently, the address input is stored as plain text without any checks. In future iterations, we aim to integrate location-based services such as Google Maps API or PIN code verification to ensure accurate and deliverable addresses, which will significantly reduce delivery failures and improve logistics planning. Another essential feature under consideration is price validation. At present, the system allows farmers to enter any value for their products. To maintain fair trade and consistency across the platform, rules and constraints will be introduced to check for unusually high or low prices. This includes setting minimum and maximum thresholds, possibly based on current market rates or admin defined boundaries. Additionally, the admin management system will be expanded to handle the entire delivery process. This includes assigning delivery agents, tracking orders, updating delivery statuses, and managing logistics more efficiently. A dashboard for admins will be introduced to provide an overview of ongoing deliveries, delays, and completed orders. One of the most crucial features planned for implementation is the integration of secure payment methods. The current model lacks an in- app payment facility, which limits user convenience. Future updates will include payment gateway integrations like Razorpay, UPI, or PayPal to enable secure and seamless transactions. This

will also facilitate payment tracking for both farmers and customers. These upgrades will make the platform more robust, user-friendly, and scalable, allowing it to better serve both local farmers and the growing customer base.

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VII.   CONCLUSION

This project demonstrates how mobile applications, particularly on the Android platform, can revolutionize agricultural marketing by enabling direct farmer-to-consumer communication and commerce bypassing traditional bottlenecks. Our application addresses long-standing limitations in the agricultural supply chain—chief among them being middlemen exploitation, delayed payments, lack of market access, and wastage due to storage or delayed distribution. By providing a platform where farmers can list their produce, set their own prices, and engage with consumers in real-time, we empower them with greater control over their sales, income, and relationships with buyers. From the consumer's perspective, the application offers access to fresh, locally grown produce at fair prices, coupled with the convenience of digital ordering and home delivery. The app ensures transparency, encourages trust, and supports local economies while promoting sustainable consumption patterns. The incorporation of multi-language support, secure payments, and real-time logistics tracking makes the platform inclusive, safe, and practical, especially for rural users with limited digital literacy. Additionally, by offering educational content and alerts related to farming practices, weather updates, and market trends, the app doubles as a knowledge hub, contributing to digital empowerment in rural areas. As India continues its digital transformation journey, such solutions can play a critical role in bridging the gap between technology and grassroots agriculture. The positive impact of this system is not just economic but also social and environmental, as it promotes fair trade, reduces waste, and builds a more connected, transparent agricultural ecosystem. Moving forward, this project holds great potential for scalability. Features such as AI-based crop suggestions, predictive analytics for pricing, integration with government schemes, and partnerships with logistics providers can be explored to further enhance functionality and outreach. In conclusion, "Availability of Farmers in Your Gadgets" is not just a concept—it is a practical step towards democratizing agriculture, giving power back to the hands that feed us, and fostering a future where technology and tradition work simultaneously.

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