

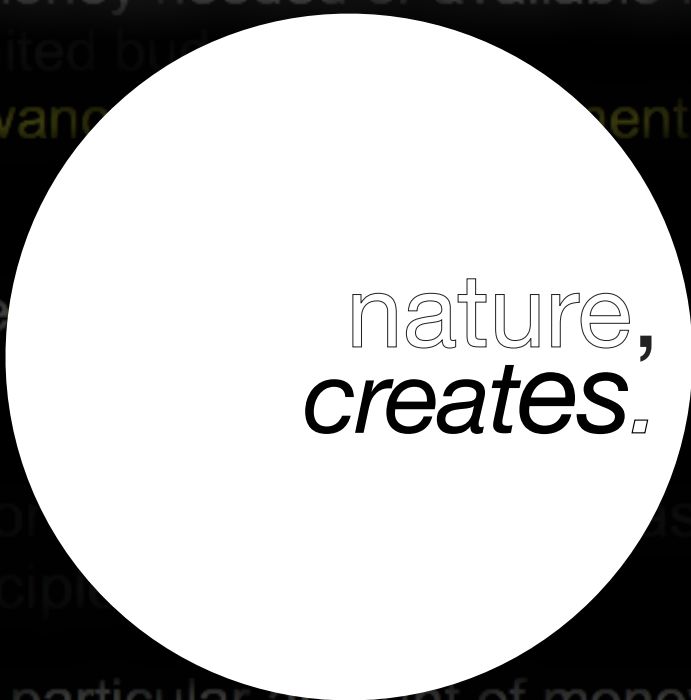
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“zero budget” - created by corporations (to hide and camouflage corporate control of farming) is merely a re-branding of #BigAg as the solution to the problems caused by #BigAg. The financial exclusion of the farmer (and the farm), by neoliberal trade and agricultural policies, has resulted in the alienation of the process of farming from the benefits of farming. Farmers’ incomes are withering away to “zero”, while corporations “reap” all benefits, especially monetary. #BigAg+#BigFood is now presenting “zero budget” as the solution to this very crisis, faced by farmers in India and across the world.

The neoliberal globalised economy has resulted in a monopolised industrial agricultural inputs market, this is a #seller’s market. At the other end of the process of farming, the market for procurement has been monopolised by #BigFood, this is a #buyer’s market. The farmer, globally, has been cornered by a #seller’s market from which he/she must #buy #inputs, and a #buyer’s market to which he/she must #sell #produce. If this market setup wasn’t unfair enough already, it takes little to uncover that both #BigAg and #BigFood are controlled by #BigMoney.

“zero budget” is the final attempt by #BigMoney in its pursuit of absolute control over farming and food, by forcing the farmer to borrow money, to buy inputs priced for the profit of #BigAg, sell farm produce priced for the profit of #BigFood, to repay #BigMoney. #BigMoney, using #BigAg and #BigFood has created a monster-santo - a hole that leaves nothing to the farm, and nothing to the farmer, a fool’s circle.

one seed,
planted,
flourished,
it grew, it multiplied. it fed
the birds, bees & butterflies,
fed us, our families, our communities,
our countries.
one seed, future-food,
multiplied,
the future of food.



Farmers, with SeedFreedom,
FoodFreedom & Knowledge Freedom,
create abundance
and food sovereignty for themselves,
their families, communities,
& countries

Living Circles

Living communities rely on living farms for living food. Living farms rely on living farmers caring for them. Living farmers need a living market - for their seed, other inputs, capital, and to sell their produce - not a hole.

Living markets are oriented towards the benefit of communities, of the farms, and the farmers. Living markets ensure that the process of trade is a complement to the process of farming. Living farms ensure that the input the farmer makes in tending to the farm is valued at par with the inputs that may be purchased. Living farms can see the farmer, the seed and the soil as multipliers - गुणक - of value.

Living markets ensure no one loses - not the farmer, not the farm, not the market, not the community; The fool’s circle “zero budget” market ensures that #themarket never loses, i.e. #thefarmer never wins.

The future of food is the future of humanity, and only a living future of food can ensure a living humanity. A living future of food requires living farmers, living farms, living markets, and living communities, and it all begins with the living seed.

This is Earth Democracy.

