

Paras Spices Pvt. Ltd., enjoyed a close-knit relationship with Nestlé. It started with making the ubiquitous 'Tastemaker' for the Maggi Noodles brand, earning them a reputation as a supplier of high-quality ingredients and class-leading blending tech, at scale. Nestlé, also a milk major, needed a partner to upgrade the quality of Indian milk by manufacturing a curated animal feed that was a complete diet for alleviating production stress besides being aflatoxin controlled – a notorious problem in dairy animal nutrition. This would prove to be a game changer, it would impact the very practice of dairy business and its viability in India. Paras were chosen to lead the charge. Paras Nutrition Pvt. Ltd. arrived on the firmament. Their brand of cattle feed was christened, 'ASEES' – meaning, 'a blessing' – quite fittingly.

The year was 2012. The rest, as they say, is history.



# बेहतर दूध बेहतर स्वास्थ्य... सालो-साल!

#### The dairy industry's A-HA moment

A CASE STUDY BY OBVEUS



## THE PROBLEM

By the year 2020, after 8 years of steady uptake in the so-called 'Nestlé Markets' (in Punjab and Haryana), ASEES had the challenge of penetration beyond.

#### Our rate-of-growth was stagnating; we weren't quite pushing beyond 230 Cr.

This was in the face of resistance to adoption due to:

- The deeply entrenched and way cheaper offerings from the unorganised sector and the heavily discounted/incentivized local branded offerings.
- The high ground dominance of CARGILL range of feeds among the evolved farmers. Our feed had equivalence of quality with them, but we found few takers for our products at the same price.

#### ASEES's input costs could not justify discounting. We were right in the middle of a double whammy.

Our big problem was farmer awareness. And we needed to go deep into the hinterland with a new approach to communication. Also, a bold, future-facing point of view on dairy business; one that could re-imagine ASEES's role and form vibrant mutually rewarding relationships with the farmers – educating them, upgrading their skills, holding their hands and partnering them through the highs and lows of their trade besides giving them great products. We asked the fundamental question, 'What's in it for the farmers?' And we were prepared to do the hard lengths beyond the standard answers to that question.

That's where, OBVEUS ADVERTISING comes in: That's us, the voice behind this presentation.

Read on to immerse in how we squared up to the aforementioned challenges for ASEES.







## **SOLUTION: Brand Repositioning**

## behtar dudh, behtar swaasthya... Saalon saal!

A small change in the tagline. A complete turnaround in how the brand relates to its customers.

It asks the following questions to the farmers:

- How much is your investment in your dairy animal worth? Is it just a season or two of high milk production before premature onset of physical vulnerabilities?
- Is higher milk production the sole criterion of performance? What about sustained performance over the productive lifespan of the dairy animal? And what other critical boxes need to be ticked for it?

Year-on-year performance means THREE THINGS!

Higher and better quality milk production | Better Disease Resistance | Better Reproductive Ability

**ALL THREE TOGETHER. NOT ONE CAN GO AMISS!** 

We voiced this code of farm profitability as the **3 PILLARS** of the ASEES brand. That's what we make the farmers aware about. That's what we claim we bring to them through our animal feeds – <u>SUSTAINED HEALTH OF THE DAIRY ANIMAL OVER IT'S NATURALLY PRODUCTIVE LIFESPAN, DELIVERING BETTER FARM PROFITABILITY. In fact, our product is not just a feed, our product is <u>farm profitability.</u></u>

Next, how did we take it to the market?

## **SOLUTION: The Creative Campaign**









**Brand Theme Film** 

Product Film: Transit Plus

Product Film: Calf Booster

Product Film · MS 30

#### Spearheaded by 4 testimonial films

- Centred on the value proposition, expressing relatable farmer experiences of problems and solutions, in their own speak.
- Expunging trivial baits of discounts etc.
- Winding a farmer's rational and emotional commitment to the sustenance and viability of his business.
- We ensured that while the films worked hard at driving home the point, they were also memorable and entertaining.





























#### To cope with extraordinary production stress your animals need more than an ordinary diet

Better milk, better health... year on year!

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## **SOLUTION: Farmer Outreach**

#### WALK THE TALK! We ditch the 'say it and forget it' approach.

We aimed to get animal health hyphenated to farm profitability, underscoring what we meant in a farmer-friendly dialogue and ensuring that it sunk in.

- We took our message of the three critical pillars on the roads, to the farms, to farmer co-operatives, and expos.
- We highlighted the remunerative advantage of aflatoxin-controlled milk.
- We did entertaining street plays and skits to present our value proposition.
- We invited farmers to factory visits.
- We created an **ASEES HELPLINE** where in-house vets answered farmers' questions, irrespective of whether they were our customers or not. Our vets are also available for **free farm visits** in events of emergency on the farms.
- We became ambassadors of better profitability through better farm management. We conceptualised, produced and sponsored a farmer engagement show on PTC NEWS.
- During Covid and the recent epidemic of limping disease, we educated farmers on bio-security measures.
- Local Milking & Animal Health competitions became ASEES domain, projecting them as the brand's proof-of-performance.



































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Calcium and More



Aflatoxin:



Asees Helpline Show:

## SOLUTION: Create a tribe of 'Profitable' Dairy Farmers

#### We forged a continuous, always-on dialogue through our website and social media.

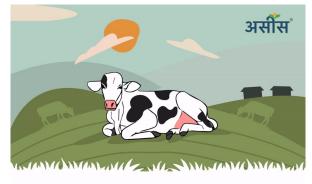
- We rigged an entire website to serve as an encyclopaedic resource of knowledge for the farmers. There is much more than just the products there interactive query and solution provision, selecting appropriate product by application, and contemporary knowledge on better dairy management.
- Our social media handles on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube became conduits of farmer-brand dialogue with rich, day-to-day communication on products, farming best practices, and more.
- We created catchy campaigns and creative spreads that educated and entertained too.
- We followed up with astute spends and performance marketing evals to derive the desired bang for the buck across Facebook,
  - Instagram, and LinkedIn handles.
- We have achieved target journeys across the funnel -- from awareness building, to ultimate conversion, to brand advocacy.

## **304 K** FOLLOWERS ON FACEBOOK, AND COUNTING!







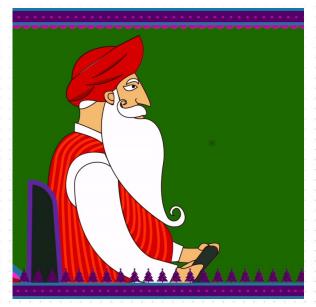






















**ASEES HELPLINE SHOW** on PTC NEWS to answer farmers' queries

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#### The 3 Pillars of Dairy Business



More & Better Milk Production

**Know How** 



**Better Health** 

**Know How** 



**Better Reproduction** 

**Know How** 

#### **Useful Calculators for Cows & Buffaloes**

Know your animal better, understand its needs, and find the right ASEES product and dosage for it. With our easy-to-use calculators, your answers are just a few clicks away!

→ ASEES Feed Products → ASEES Feed Supplements → Ideal Body Weight



ASEES FEED WEBSIT

www.aseesfeed.com

## SOLUTION: The packaging becomes the first ad!

We redesigned the packaging with the ASEES value-core intrinsic to thought synergy across all its product offerings. The look and feel had to ooze international pedigree of a quality brand, while ensuring colour-codes for easy identifiability by even the literacy short buyers.

We have managed to not only look the part, we haveve also raised the bar vis-à-vis the CARGILL packaging language.





## THE OUTCOME: ASEES starts to mean its name!



Well, the needles moved rightwards.

Farmers hyphenate ANIMAL HEALTH with FARM PROFITABILITY. They view it as a sum of milk production,
disease resistance, and reproductive capacity – importantly, the critical role of a feed in delivering
those attributes. The brand is recognised as an ally of dairy farmers and enjoys admiration of
partners in the milk and milk product supply chains.

## A stagnating brand, at approx. INR 230 Cr has grown over **300%** since 2020, till date.

- We are growing beyond Punjab and Haryana, including markets in Himachal Pradesh, Jammu Kashmir,
   UP, and Rajasthan.
- A new manufacturing facility has been opened in Haryana to augment production from the Mogha unit in Punjab.

## **GRATITUDE**

While this presentation has extolled the role of the advertising agency, OBVEUS, it by no means is their exclusive mouthpiece. This is a collective labour-of-love. The tour de force numbers are thanks to the highly determined promoters, distribution personnel, product innovation staff, and the indefatigable veterinarians. They have made this brand an unshakeable asset.

OBVEUS is privileged to call ourselves as small part of TEAM ASEES.

#### And thank you too, for giving this a patient read!

Let us know if you'd like to peruse more inspiring case studies from our workbook. We are also attaching our profile with this presentation.

TEAM OBVEUS hopes we have fanned some possibilities in your mind over how we can collaborate. Have a splendid day ahead!

The warmest regards,



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