# Non-Toxic Cleaning Agents

## **MVP** Journey



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**Bio Surfactant 1** 

**Bio Surfactant 2** 

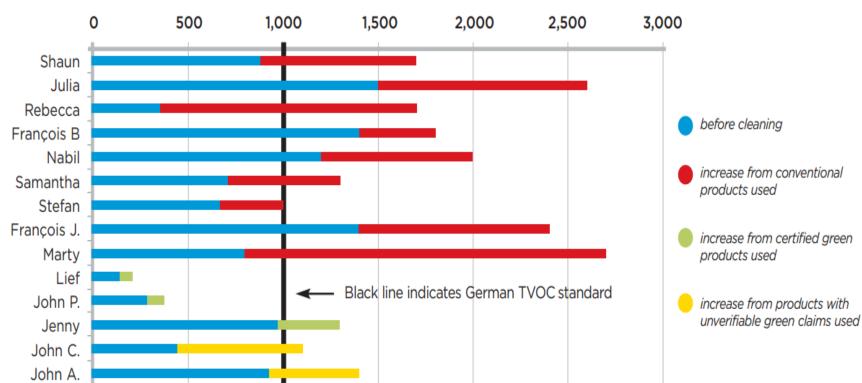


We have developed a habit of using chemical cleaners, often unaware of the significant impacts and harms these products pose.

<del>VOCs, Ammonia, chlorine, phosphates, EDTA, bleach, triclosan and artificial colors</del>

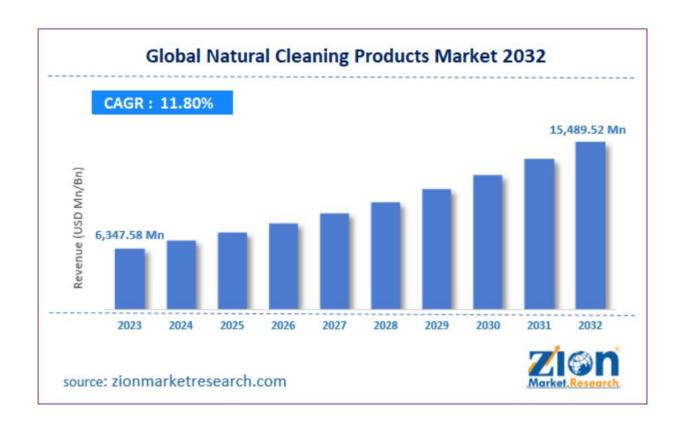
- Eutrophication by chemi cals
- Soil contamination
- Air and water Pollution
- Infiltration of drinking water
- Endocrine disruption
- Eye and skin irritation
- Not kid or pet friendly





## Why Non – Toxic?





The eco-friendly home hygiene products market in India was valued at \$13.98 million in 2023 and is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 33.01%.

### What did we do?

Discussed the problem with existing players who are into natural cleaning solution

- 1. A consultant helping others to setup Bio enzyme product plant and working on multiple use cases
- 2. A couple of Founders who established organic solution in the market
- 3. User survey on the product awareness

## **Insights from Consumer Survey**

- 60% of consumers are not aware of Bio enzyme cleaners,
   36% heard of it but never tried. (76 consumers)
- Current products used:



### **Insights from Consumer Survey**

- Brand and price are also major factors, as these products are often viewed as commodities, resulting in less deliberation during purchase.
- Harshness on skin, Cleaning Efficiency, Residue are primary concerns during a purchase decision
- Most purchase happen through supermarkets, local markets.

People are aware of the problem of using chemicals, but this is not a major concern for them as they haven't found an efficient alternative.

### **Insights from Industry members**

Preciseness while manufacturing

Acceptance of the product due to less foam, froathing

Awareness of the product

Product Shelf life

User Acceptance

Sensitivity in Manufacturing

### **TARGET SEGMENT: B2B**



Corporates (Sustainable procurement policy)



Educational institutes



Healthcare



Hospitality industry

### Why are natural cleaning agents not widely used in India?



Consumer Habits and preferences



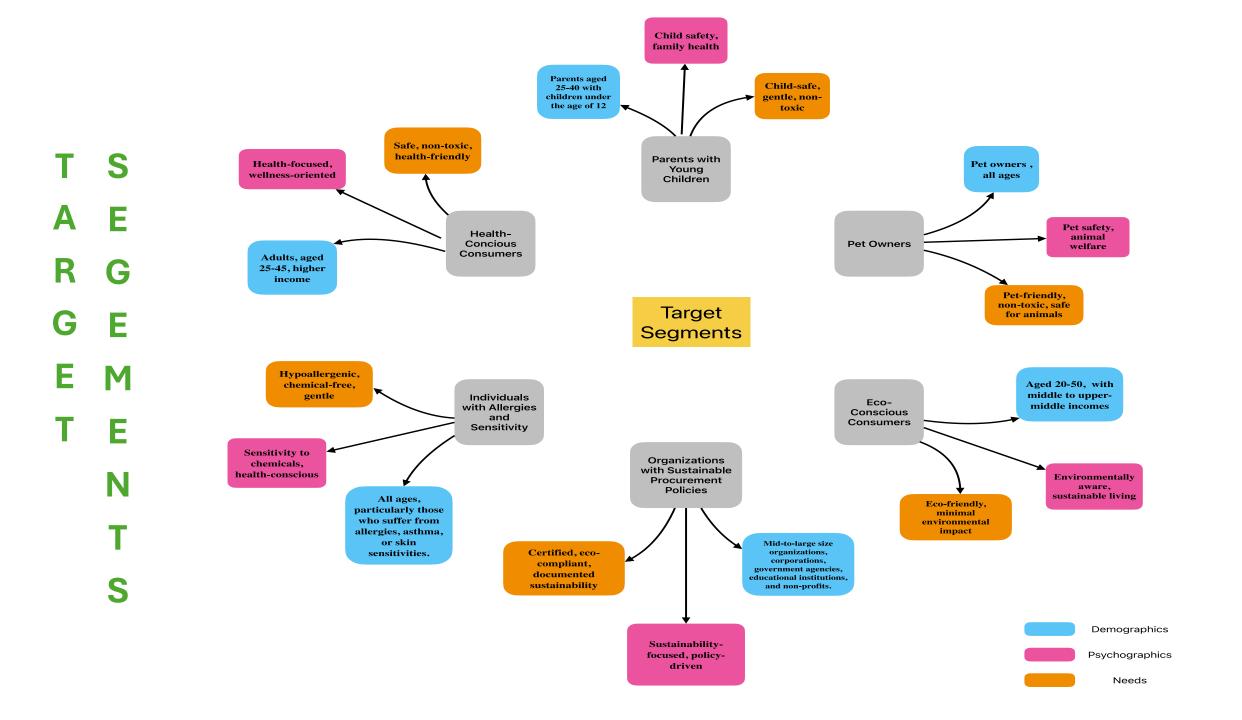
Market
Dynamics:
Commodity
product, pricesensitive



Perception of Efficiency



Lack of Awareness of alternatives



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### **Business Model Canvas**

### **Key activities**

Production R&D Quality control Sales

**Key Partners** 

Raw material

Suppliers

Technology

partners for

fermentation

and extraction

#### **Key resources**

Manufacturing facilities
Equipment
Scientists,
researchers and production staff

## Value Proposition

Eco-friendly
Effective
Performance
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## **Customer** relationship

Community
Engagement
Education and
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initiatives in
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## **Customer Segments**

Industry clients Eco-conscious consumer

#### **Channels**

Direct sales
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Trade shows

#### **Cost structure**

Production costs Operational costs
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#### Revenue

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#### Sparkling Clean Homes

We make your home sparkle from top to bottom!

- GET A QUOTE -

#### G-ENZY



#### **Eco-Friendly Home Cleaning Solutions**

G-Enzy provides biodegradable and non-toxic cleaning agents that effectively combat dirt and germs, while being kind to both consumers and the environment. Our mission is to satisfy the growing demand for sustainable home cleaning products.



SPOTLESS HOME GALLERY



### **Informational Website Mock-Up**

https://g-enzy.godaddysites.com/

### **Our Product Brochure**



#### Lemon Fruit (Citrus limon)

Lemon juice and its extracts provide sufficient acidity and act as complexing agent with metal ions associated with dirt



#### Vegetable Glycerin (Glycine Max)

The certified organic vegetable glycerin removes stains from the clothes and reduce static cling. The use of fabric softener is not essential and avoids the cost



#### Coconut Oil (cocos nucifera)

Waxy, non-ionic and ultra-mild surfactant is produced naturally from coconut oil. The derivative is readily biodegradable, and possess good wetting, decontamination and dispersing properties



Salt is employed as an inexpensive thickener to enhance viscosity and consistency. It helps remove stains and armpit discoloration, and keeps colors bright



#### Wood Pulp

Cellulose extract acts an anti-redeposition agent; to prevent dirt particles from adhering to fabrics & clothes during the washing cycle and for whiteness retention though soil suspension



#### Palm kernel (Elaeis guineensis)

The minimally processed detergent alcohols from palm kernel produces hard soaps that lather well in all kinds of water. They form micelles with dirt and detach the surface bonded particles



#### Organic Certified Cane Sugar (glucose derivative)

Through natural process, this ecologically derived Glucose derivative is a very mild and has moderate foaming Properties. Good for all kinds of skin including babies and is an excellent viscosity builder



#### The Pouch Contains



#### HIGHLIGHTS

- · Organic Natural Cleaner
- . Green, ecologically derived and carbon negative
- Skin friendly & non-toxic
- Minimally derived from natural feedstock
- No endocrine disrupting or hormone regulating agents
- . Contains no dioxanes, phosphate, chloride or formaldehyde
- · Free from Benzene or other petroleum distillates

#### DIRECTIONS TO USE

- Transfer 1 TBS (4ml) of liquid to a bowl containing water(50ml)
- Use the scrubber to mechanically dislodge the dirt and rinse with sufficient water for a shiny surface
- . For hard stains, use the liquid in concentrate form
- It is recommended for cookware and tableware

#### SAFETY TIPS

- Keep out of reach of children
- In case of accidental contact with eyes, rinse with copious water under a tap for 15 minutes and seek medical advice
- Spillage on a walking area must be immediately cleaned using a cloth soaked in water and wipe off the surface to dry to prevent slippery surface

#### STORAGE CONDITIONS

- . Keep at cool temperature and away from direct heat and sunlight
- At lower temperature the components freeze and may lose activity
- The contents can be stored for one year on bench without loss of the activity
- Best use within one year from the date of manufacture
- Keep in dry atmosphere

#### DISCLAIMER

Cleaning action is complete only when the total dissolved solids are less than 1000 ppm. Deviation may happen due to external factors such as presence of cheap dye in cloth, tarry substance, debris of alkali, cross contamination from dirty surface and deep stains that can potentially interact with natural ingredients in the formulation

### Journey So Far

- Natural-based cleaning agents
- Address harmfulness of existing chemical cleaners.
- Identified significant environmental and health risks
- Explored sustainable, non-toxic, ecofriendly alternatives
- Gained Insights on market demand for non-hazardous natural cleaning agents
- Understood barriers to stocking bio-enzyme-based products
- Identified conditions for stocking natural-based cleaning agents
- Identified viable segments (corporates, educational institutes, healthcare, hospitality)
- Learned from a founder's successful experience in Europe
- Also started exploring on root problem of hard water
- Developed and tested improved bio enzyme and biosurfactant cleaning agents
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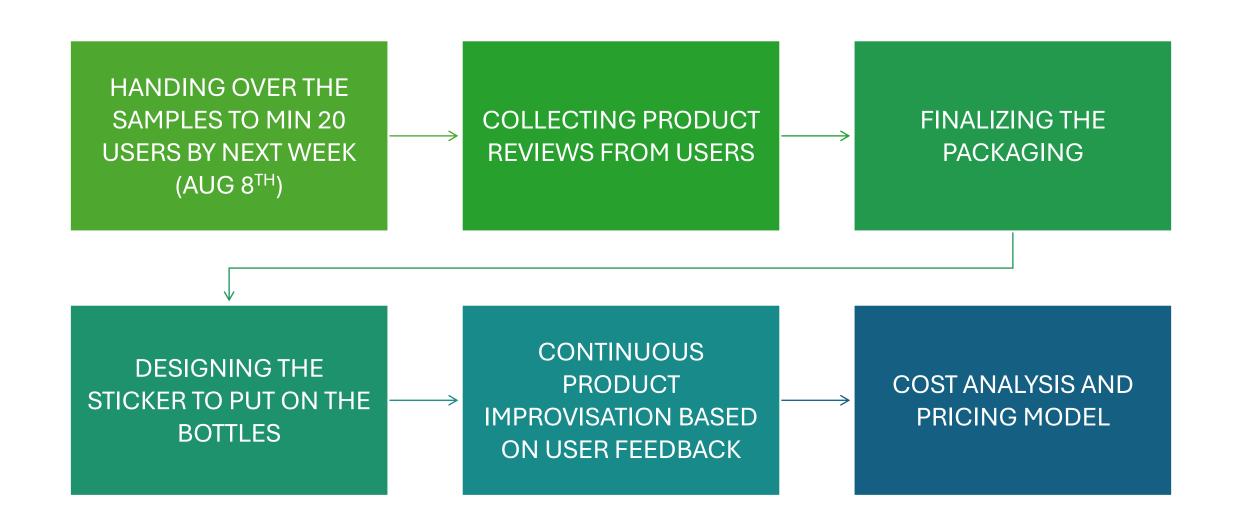
### **Strategic Shifts**

## Product Development

#### **Implementation**

- Lack of initial expertise and resources
- Potential skepticism in the market
- Need to educate consumer about the risks
- Faced challenges in stability, cost, skilled labor, potential leaks, and foul smell
- Found low awareness and concerns about efficiency residue
- Encountered resistance due to fermentation risks and costs
- Longer sales cycles and need for relationship building.
- Noted the challenges and failures of the B2C model in India.
- Iterative process requiring time and resources
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### **Our Future Plan**



## **Non-Toxic Cleaning Agents**

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### **Problem Statement**

There's a need for biodegradable and non-toxic cleaning agents to effectively combat dirt and germs and are kind to both consumer and the planet.



Not Good for Water Bodies



Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) cause respiratory issues

### **Pain Points**

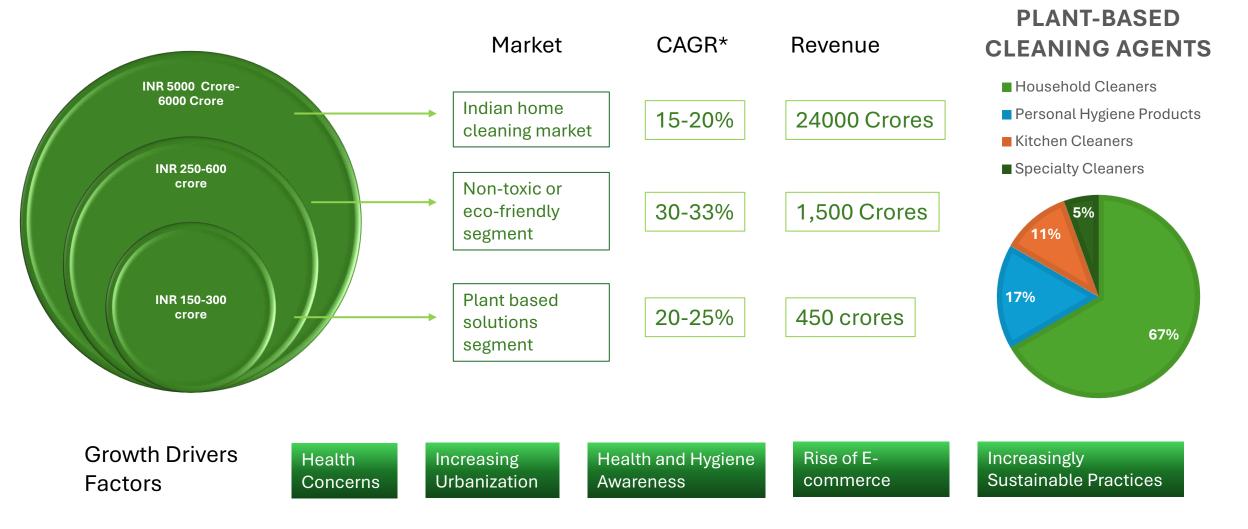


Harsh on Skin



Not pet- friendly and baby-friendly

## **Industry insights**



MARKET SHARE BY

**SEGMENT FOR** 

<sup>\*</sup> Estimated for the next 5-7 years as per sources

#### **Unit Economics**

Variable cost	1000ML
Chemicals dervied from	
plants and natural resources	212
GST	37.98
Packaging	5.2
Label	2
Variable cost	257.18

Contribution margin 92.82

Fixed plus variable cost 292.2758904

Selling Price: 350 rupees per litre

Breakeven 13800.90498

Fixed costs	Capacity 1	100L
Equipment and		
machinery	8,00	,000
Property	30	0000
Electricity	4:	2000
Saftey equipment	3	5000
Waste		
management	2	4000
Labour	8	0000
Fixed cost	12,81	,000

## Product portfolio Plan



Dishwashing Liquid



**Laundry Detergent** 





**Gadget Cleaning Spray** 



Hand Wash

#### **Our Target Segments**

Eco and Health-Conscious Consumers Individuals with Allergies and Skin Sensitivity

Organisations with
Sustainable
Procurement
Policies

Parents with young children

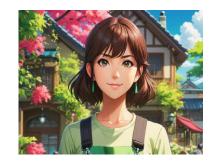
**Pet Owners** 

Organic and
Natural Product
Enthusiasts

Millennial and Gen Z Consumers

Our Key Personas





**Persona 1: The Health-Conscious Parent,** who wants to reduce children's exposure to harmful chemicals



**Persona 2: The Eco-Warrior,** who's Concerned about the environment



Persona 3: Sustainability | ESG | CSR Lead, who's trying to meeting corporate sustainability goals

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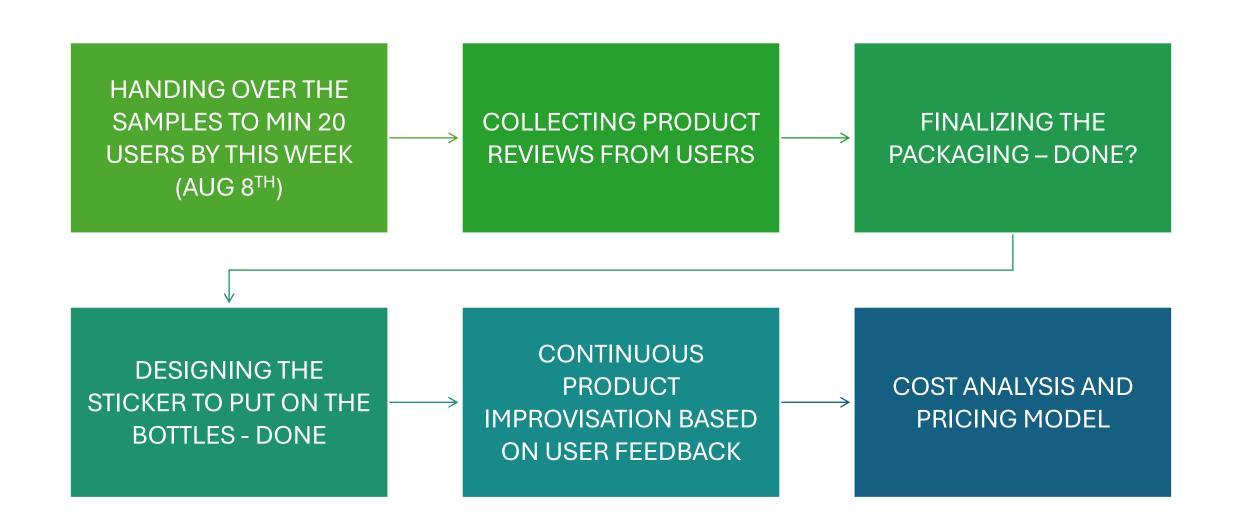
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