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Fruit & Vegetable retail in India is gradually transforming with organised players revisiting their business model at every step of the value chain from farm to fork, in order to restructure it. They are reinventing their distribution and marketing strategies, and also testing newer retail formats and practices that may lead to fresh growth channels

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