

Southern Zone Dairy Association Felicitates Outstanding Dairy Farmers



In a commendable initiative, the Southern Zone of the Indian Dairy Association organized an event in Bengaluru to felicitate five exceptional women dairy farmers from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala. Recognized for their entrepreneurial prowess in producing daily milk yields ranging from 60 to 400 liters, the awardees include A.N. Rajeshwari, Aligeneni Sree Padma, Dabhu Padma, Leema Roselein, and Parimala Vijayaramesh.

Each recipient was honored with a certificate, memento, and a cash award of ₹20,000. Satish Kulkarni, Chairman of the Indian Dairy Association (South Zone), emphasized the need to motivate more rural women to engage in dairy farming.

With milk production growing at 4.5% annually, surpassing agricultural production, fostering women's participation becomes crucial to meet the rising demand for milk-based proteins.

Maharashtra Government Initiates Rs 5/Liter Subsidy for Milk Producers



In a significant boost to dairy farmers, the Maharashtra State Government has rolled out a groundbreaking subsidy of Rs 5 per liter for milk producers supplying to both cooperative societies and private milk projects in the state. Effective from January 11 to February 10, this scheme has allocated a substantial financial provision of Rs 230 crore.

P P Mohod, Regional Dairy Development Officer of Pune Division, revealed that 83 eligible milk projects in Pune stand to benefit.

The Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development Department ensures seamless implementation through district-wise cooperative and private project logins, actively engaging in ear tagging and farmer information gathering.

The state government's decision aims to provide subsidy benefits to farmers supplying milk to both private and cooperative projects, enhancing support to the dairy industry.

Government Initiates Fodder Procurement Drive Amid Drought in Dharwad District



In response to severe drought conditions, the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department in Dharwad has commenced the tendering process to purchase fodder. With existing fodder stocks at 10,000 tonnes, the move aims to guarantee ample supply for livestock during the impending summer.

The district administration encourages those with fodder stock to participate in the tender, as the department seeks to procure a total of 50,000 tonnes. A grant of Rs 16.2 crore has been sought from the government for this initiative. While some taluks currently possess sufficient fodder, Hubballi and Navalgund face a potential shortage, prompting the district to collect fodder from various sources, including neighboring states.

Additionally, there is a growing demand for fodder seed kits, with the government planning to open 14 fodder banks in the district. Farmers facing shortages can contact the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department for assistance. The government has fixed a price of Rs 2,000 per tonne of fodder to ensure a smooth supply.

Over 16K cattle ear-tagged by animal husbandry dept in January

In a concerted effort to monitor and streamline cattle management, Maharashtra's Animal Husbandry Department successfully ear-tagged 16,242 cattle as of January 27. The ear-tagging initiative, which commenced in 2016, has gained momentum with the state government's recent announcement of a ₹5 per liter subsidy for cow milk producers. The chip-based twelve-digit unique identification number on the small subcutaneous chip includes crucial details like date of birth, gender, breed, lactation cycle, milk production, required vaccinations, and owner's information.



This project not only ensures accurate tracking of cattle but also enhances health record maintenance and curtails illegal animal trade. The subsidy for milk producers applies exclusively to ear-tagged cattle registered on the 'India Livestock Portal.' Livestock owners are urged to promptly register their animals at the nearest veterinary clinic to avail the benefits. Alongside cattle registration, the department has introduced updates like owner registration, ownership transfers, and other pertinent details on the livestock portal. In response to increasing demand, 1,42,000 additional tags were provided to veterinary clinics across the district.

Livestock owners who have yet to tag or register their animals are encouraged to contact the nearest veterinary clinic for prompt registration, emphasized Ankush Parihar, Deputy Commissioner of the District Animal Husbandry Department in Pune.

India Imports 40,000 Doses of Bull Semen from Brazil to Enhance Native Breed Milk Production



India has imported 40,000 doses of bull semen from Brazil for the first time to boost milk production through artificial insemination, according to officials at the Brazilian embassy. The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) initiated the import, aiming to increase the output of Indian native breeds, Gir and Kankrej, and enhance their milk production.

The move aligns with the government's goal to achieve 330 million tonnes of milk production annually by FY34. India, the world's largest milk producer, faces rising demand, making efforts to augment output crucial.

The NDDB plans to use the Brazilian semen doses in a research project to develop animals capable of producing over 80 liters of milk each. Despite facing resistance over the past four years, the import is a strategic move to preserve indigenous breeds and meet growing milk demands.

The India-Brazil relationship has been strong, with an MOU since 2008, focusing on the development of animal husbandry, particularly dairy. The bilateral trade relationship is poised to reach \$50 billion by 2030.

Government Addresses Staff Shortage in Veterinary Department; New Building Inaugurated in Mangaluru

District Minister Dinesh Gundurao emphasized the need to address the staff shortage in the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services during the foundation stone-laying ceremony for their new office building in Mangaluru. Minister Gundurao expressed the importance of prioritizing animal welfare and stated that measures would be taken to resolve the staffing issue.



He highlighted that constructing a new building is insufficient without a dedicated and committed workforce. The new building, designed with scientific precision, is expected to be completed within 1.5 years. Speaker UT Khader acknowledged the growing interest in veterinary courses among students but noted the shortage of available seats.

To tackle this, Khader suggested facilitating the establishment of private veterinary colleges to increase the number of veterinarians. Dr. Arun Kumar Shetty, Deputy Director of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, disclosed that 41 posts are currently vacant, indicating a pressing need for recruitment to enhance the department's functionality.

J&K Administration Boosts Local Livestock with Two-Day 'Pashu Mandi'



The Department of Animal Husbandry, Jammu, orchestrated a two-day 'Pashu Mandi' at Rinderpest Checkpost-Lakhanpur (Kathua) to augment the influx of superior cattle into Jammu and Kashmir. The primary objective is to amplify local milk production and enhance the germplasm of the native non-descript cattle population, ultimately benefiting dairy farmers in the region.

Dr. Shubhra Sharma, Director of Animal Husbandry, Jammu, emphasized the significance of such events in elevating the income sources of the farming community and improving their living standards. 'Pashu Mandi' aimed to motivate farmers to engage in profitable dairy farming by breeding superior livestock.

The event witnessed active participation from local livestock farmers, as well as sellers from neighboring states, providing a platform for transactions. Local farmers appreciated the organized approach of the government in facilitating the purchase of dairy cattle at Lakhanpur itself, eliminating the need to travel outside Jammu and Kashmir.

The initiative aligns with the Animal Husbandry Department's flagship scheme, benefiting numerous farmers and contributing to the growth of the local dairy sector.

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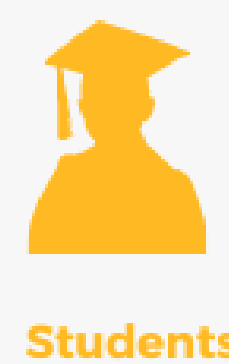


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- Milk Delivery Boy
- Milk Procurement & Input Supervisor
- Waste Management In Dairy Industry
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- Clean Milk Production
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