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National Symposium on Fodder Development Inaugurated



Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala, inaugurated the National Symposium on Fodder Development at Vigyan Bhawan today. Addressing the gathering, he emphasized the need for prioritizing fodder to ensure food security for the nation's Livestock.

The Minister announced plans for setting up "Fodder Banks" across the country, equipped with storage and transportation facilities. He also highlighted the Cabinet's decision to include more livestock species under various Animal Breeding Schemes.

Secretary Smt. Alka Upadhyay stressed the importance of increasing fodder production and improving animal nutrition. The symposium, hosted under Azadi ka Amrit Mohotsav, aims to address challenges in fodder development, with discussions expected to shape interventions for the country's Livestock.

Hyderabad to host 50th dairy industry conference



The Indian Dairy Association, South Zone, is set to host its 50th dairy industry conference from March 4 to 6 at the Hitex Exhibition Centre in Hyderabad. Coinciding with the association's 75th year, the event will witness the convergence of approximately 100 key officials from various dairies, government secretaries, and distinguished dignitaries.

A pivotal conclave on March 5 will bring together Dairy and Husbandry Ministers from all southern states for in-depth discussions.

The conference aims to celebrate achievements, discuss industry trends, and foster collaboration among stakeholders. As Hyderabad takes center stage, the event promises to be a significant milestone in the history of India's dairy sector.

Milk Coop in Kerala to Boost Dairy Farmers' Income with Additional ₹10 per Litre



In a significant move to support dairy farmers, the Ernakulam Regional Cooperative Milk Producers' Union has announced an additional payment of ₹10 per litre of milk to dairy societies throughout March.

This comes on the heels of a ₹7 increment in February, with ₹5 directed to the farmers and ₹2 to the primary dairy society. For March, the cooperative plans to allocate an additional ₹6 to farmers and ₹4 to the dairy societies.

The initiative is set to benefit over 1,000 milk societies in Ernakulam, Thrissur, Kottayam, and Idukki districts. The cooperative anticipates an expenditure of ₹16 crore due to the increased payouts, with daily milk procurement reaching three lakh litres.

Tamil Nadu Enhances Animal Husbandry Infrastructure with Inauguration of Cattle Quarantine Facility in Mathigiri

Chief Minister M.K.Stalin, via video conference, inaugurated a state-of-the-art quarantine facility for cattle breeding and insemination in Mathigiri, representing a critical addition to Tamil Nadu's Animal Husbandry initiatives. Constructed at a cost of ₹9.36 lakh, the facility aims to ensure the health and productivity of cattle, benefiting farmers across the state.



Part of a broader plan to strengthen Animal Husbandry, similar facilities have been established in districts such as Karur, Ariyalur, Theni, and Chennai. This initiative reflects the state's commitment to promoting sustainable agriculture and rural development.

The quarantine facility in Mathigiri incorporates modern amenities to enhance cattle breeding practices. By implementing rigorous quarantine procedures, the facility aims to prevent the spread of diseases, safeguarding both animal and human health. This strategic investment is expected to result in healthier cattle populations, increased milk production, and higher-quality livestock.

The inauguration marks a significant step towards bolstering Tamil Nadu's agricultural sector, ensuring economic security for farmers, food security for the population, and a resilient agricultural industry. Chief Minister M.K.Stalin's proactive approach underscores the state's dedication to overcoming challenges and fostering a prosperous future for agriculture.

Gujarat Dairies to Boost Rural Income: Cattle Dung to be Purchased for Bio-Fertilizers at Re. 1 per kg



In a pioneering move towards sustainable agriculture and rural income generation, Gujarat's Cooperation Minister, Jagdish Panchal, announced in the State Assembly that dairy organizations and milk-producing federations will soon purchase cattle dung from cattle keepers. The initiative aims to produce bio-fertilizers and bio-gas, providing an additional source of income for cattle keepers.

Under this plan, dairy organizations will conduct door-to-door visits to collect cattle dung and pay Re. 1 for every kilogram of dung. This innovative approach not only supports dairy farmers in selling milk but also offers an opportunity to earn extra income by selling cow dung.

Already in action, Banas Dairy in North Gujarat purchases cattle dung from keepers and utilizes it to generate bio-gas, operating bio-gas pumps that sell gas to CNG-run vehicles. Suzuki Motors has joined forces with Banas to establish four such pumps. The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) is actively involved in similar initiatives. The Central government's recent emphasis on increasing the use of bio-gas and bio-fertilizers aligns with these efforts, reflecting a holistic approach to sustainable agricultural practices.

As Maharashtra continues to prioritize the welfare of its farmers, this subsidy initiative serves as a crucial support mechanism, offering economic relief to those contributing significantly to the state's dairy industry.

Tamil Nadu Dairy Minister Unveils Ambitious Summer Plans to Boost Dairy Sector Revenue

Tamil Nadu's Dairy Minister, Mano Thangaraj, has announced a series of ambitious initiatives to fortify the state's dairy sector in the upcoming summer season, targeting a remarkable increase in dairy product sales to Rs. 48 crore. Speaking at a consultation meeting held at the head office of the Tamil Nadu Cooperative Milk Producers Federation (AAV) in Nandanam, Chennai, Minister Thangaraj outlined key strategies.



One significant move includes the successful implementation of a Rs. 3 incentive scheme for milk producers, resulting in disbursements of around Rs. 36.27 crores. Efforts to revitalize 10,785 initial milk cooperative societies are also in progress, with 7,338 societies already audited.

In a bid to support farmers, Minister Thangaraj announced loans totaling Rs. 102 crore for 15,752 farmers through cooperative societies. This financial aid facilitates the acquisition of new dairy cows and the introduction of high-protein cow fodder, incentivized at Rs. 1 per kilogram.

Anticipating the summer season, plans are underway to boost the sale of dairy products, with a target set at Rs. 48 crore. Minister Thangaraj expressed confidence in Avin, the state's apex cooperative body, foreseeing a potential 20 percent surge in milk procurement.

Looking ahead, the Minister hinted at potential ventures into the sale of drinking water and emphasized ongoing efforts to modernize dairy parlors. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to revitalizing the dairy sector, ensuring the prosperity of milk producers and cooperative societies across Tamil Nadu.

India Aims to Dominate Global Milk Production, Targeting 30% by 2030



In a significant move, Meenesh Shah, Chairman and Managing Director of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), announced India's ambitious plan to elevate its current position as the world's largest milk producer to contributing 30% of the global production by 2030. Shah highlighted ongoing efforts to enhance animal productivity through the Rashtriya Gokul Mission program and collaboration with the government to improve breeding, nutrition, and health.

Addressing environmental concerns, Shah outlined the NDDB's commitment to becoming a net-zero dairy by 2050 or 2070. Initiatives include a ration balancing program to reduce methane emissions, utilizing methane-rich dung for biogas, and incorporating solar energy in various dairy operations. The NDDB is also actively engaged with Germany's KfWor Kreditanstalt fur Wiederaufbau to secure grants and subsidized loans for promoting solar energy use in dairy plants.

Furthermore, Shah disclosed a joint venture with the Assam government, emphasizing a comprehensive dairy development plan for the state over the next seven years, targeting the procurement and processing of 10 lakh litres of milk. The expansion includes infrastructure development and increased farmer coverage, with a new dairy plant set to be inaugurated by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

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The **Centre of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India (CEDSI)** is working under “**Centre of Excellence for Agriculture Skills in India (CEASI)**” is an autonomous organization working under the aegis of “**Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI)**”, which is working under **Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** for skilling and capacity building of farmers, wage workers, self-employed professionals, extension workers etc. engaged in organized and unorganized segments of Agriculture & Allied sectors.

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- Centre of Excellence for Horticulture Skills in India(CEHSI)
- Centre of Excellence for Farm Mechanization Skills in India(CEFMI)


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