

Verka Dairy Receives INR 2.46 Cr Grant for Development at Farmer's Dairy Summit



During the "Farmer's Dairy Summit," Verka Ferozpur Dairy secured a fund of INR 2.46 crore and an interest-free loan of INR 2.28 crore for diverse development initiatives. The National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) released these funds under the "Revitalising Promising Producers Owned Institutions Scheme."

"Rajesh Gupta, NDDDB's North Region Chairman, highlighted the increased dairy product sales in the region, leading to Ferozpur's inclusion in the project. Gurbhej Singh Tibbi, Chairman of Verka, emphasized the transformative potential of the dairy business for farmers.

Various dignitaries, including RS Sodhi, President of the National Dairy Association, expressed support for integrating dairy farming with agriculture for improved economic conditions.

Reviving Udgir Milk Scheme: Centre Pledges Support for Maharashtra Project



Union Minister Parshottam Rupala assured full cooperation from the Centre in reviving the Udgir Milk Scheme Project in collaboration with the Maharashtra government. The National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) has been directed to submit a report following their inspection of the project in Latur district.

Rupala highlighted the economic benefits for farmers and emphasized the government's commitment to providing assistance for the project's success.

He acknowledged the significance of the milk business for Latur's farmers, facing periodic droughts. Rupala also commended innovative milk producers during an interaction, reinforcing the Modi government's support for dairy and animal husbandry schemes.

Union Cabinet Approves 3-Year Extension of Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund



The Union Cabinet, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, greenlit a three-year extension of the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) until 2025-26, with an allocation of Rs.29,610.25 crore.

Aimed at promoting investments in dairy and meat processing, feed plants, breed multiplication farms, and more, the scheme offers a 3% interest subvention for eight years on loans up to 90% from banks and institutions.

Benefiting entities include individuals, private companies, farmer producer organizations, and MSMEs. The fund has already enhanced milk, feed, and meat processing capacities, contributing to the sector's growth. The extension seeks to boost employment and income, aligning with the goal of doubling farmers' income.

ERCMPU Announces ₹4.5 Crore Incentive for Dairy Farmers and Cooperatives

The Ernakulam Regional Cooperative Milk Producers' Union (ERCMPU) is set to distribute a substantial ₹4.5 crore incentive for milk production from February 1 to March 31. This incentive, amounting to an additional ₹5 per litre of milk, will be shared between dairy farmers and primary milk cooperatives. M.T. Jayan, Chairman of ERCMPU, hailed it as the highest incentive in the union's history, benefiting 300 milk cooperatives with a daily collection of one lakh litres of milk.



Additionally, ERCMPU is implementing an integrated insurance scheme for milch animals, conducting medical camps, and providing telemedicine facilities. Milk cooperatives are offered subsidies to boost production.

The union plans to allocate approximately ₹5 crore for milk unions and facilities across Ernakulam, Idukki, Kottayam, and Thrissur districts, utilizing the funds from the union's working profit. This initiative aims to support dairy farmers, enhance production, and strengthen the dairy sector in the region.

Prompt Group Introduces Solar MilkoChill, a Game-Changer in Dairy Industry Infrastructure



Prompt Group, a leading solutions provider in the dairy supply chain, unveiled ten Solar MilkoChill units in Rajasthan's Sirohi district, revolutionizing the dairy industry. Installed at Asha Mahila Milk Producers with support from WWF India, these state-of-the-art units address the crucial challenge of time lag in milk chilling, ensuring enhanced quality and sustainability.

The solar-powered MilkoChill units enable instant chilling at the source, minimizing spoilage, increasing shelf life, and boosting farmers' income. Shridhar Mehta, Managing Director of Prompt Group, highlighted the product's potential to transform the dairy sector, offering a sustainable alternative to existing cooling solutions.

Dharmendra Malik, CEO of Asha Mahila Milk Producers Company, emphasized the benefits for farmers and dairies, enhancing milk quality and economic gains. Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, endorsed the innovation, recognizing its role in increasing shelf life and improving milk quality. Meenesh Shah, NDDB Chairman, praised the solar-based technology, predicting its pivotal role in positioning India as a global dairy leader.

The dairy industry leaders present highlighted the significance of instant milk chilling in achieving the national goal of improving milk quality sustainably and doubling farmers' income.

Budget 2024: India, top global milk producer, but low productivity highlighted by Nirmala Sitharaman.

In the Budget 2024 speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman highlighted India's status as the world's largest milk producer but expressed concern over low milch animal productivity. She emphasized government efforts to support dairy farmers, including a focus on controlling foot and mouth disease. Sitharaman outlined a comprehensive program, building on existing schemes like Rashtriya Gokul Mission and National Livestock Mission, along with Infrastructure Development Funds for dairy processing and animal husbandry.



In the fiscal year 2022-23, India witnessed a 4% increase in milk production, totaling 230.58 million tonnes—a 58% growth over the past nine years. Uttar Pradesh led in milk production with a 15.7% share, followed by Rajasthan (14.44%), Madhya Pradesh (8.73%), Gujarat (7.49%), and Andhra Pradesh (6.70%). Karnataka, with an 8.76% growth rate, recorded the highest annual increase, followed by West Bengal (8.65%) and Uttar Pradesh (6.99%).

Transforming Indian Dairy: The Pivotal Role of Center of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India (CEDSI)

- **Skill Development and Capacity Building:** CEDSI can pioneer tailored skill training programs for dairy farmers, empowering them with modern farming techniques, effective disease management, and the adoption of advanced technologies. By collaborating with local institutions, the center ensures that farmers receive hands-on training, enhancing their proficiency and boosting overall productivity.
- **Research and Innovation:** CEDSI can contribute to groundbreaking studies on improving milch animal breeds, disease resistance, and sustainable farming practices.
- **Advocacy for Dairy Farmers:** CEDSI plays a crucial role in advocating for the interests of dairy stakeholders. By actively engaging with policymakers and leveraging its expertise, the center can influence policy decisions that positively impact the dairy sector.

By implementing these strategies, CEDSI can contribute significantly in uplifting the dairy value chain and empowering the dairy stakeholders, aligning its goals with the broader vision outlined in the Budget 2024.

Who are we













“The Centre of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India (CEDSI)” an autonomous institution working under the aegis of the Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, to help the empowerment and betterment of Livelihood of farmers, wage workers, and other stakeholders in the Dairy value chain.

CEDSI Membership will provide a unique platform for the industry leaders, policymakers, development practitioners, dairy scientists, researchers, students, and farmers to debate and discuss the issues of imminent importance to the dairy industry.



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Join Our Membership Drive and Get Benefits of

-  Platform to interact with other members in the sector
-  Networking opportunities with corporate leaders and government authorities
-  Special costs of training in Skill India Certified Programmes
-  Access to our Journal and Publications
-  Expert advice in day-to-day operations and management of livestock /farm productions
-  Free registration on the job portal and regular updates on job vacancies in the sector
-  Recognize your organization with CEDSI Yearly Awards and Recognition
-  Chance to reach across the board through advertising in our press releases, news and articles
-  Consultative and advisory services to help members
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-  Periodic e-newsletter for the latest news, govt. announcement and schemes in dairy sectors
-  Updates on training programs of CEDSI and access to the training calendar

Who Can Become a Member -



CEDSI : Reviving Skills and Generating Livelihood

Skill Training Programme for Farmers/ Students/ Entrepreneurs

- Dairy Farmer/ Entrepreneur
- Dairy Farm Supervisor
- Dairy Worker
- Animal Health Worker
- Artificial Insemination Technician
- Veterinary Field Assistant
- Veterinary Clinical Assistant
- Calf Rearing
- Farm Equipment Technician
- Dairy farm Economics and Management
- Industry Aligned Certification Programs (Unemployed Youth and Students)

FPO Oriented Training Programs

- FPO Member Orientation on Product Technology and Processes.
- FPO Market Linkage
- FPO Governance
- FPO Accounting

Flagship Skill Training Programme for Dairy Corporates and Cooperatives

- Chilling Plant Technician
- Bulk Milk Cooler Operator
- Village Level Milk Collection Centre Supervisor
- Milk Tester
- Green-house Gases Mitigation
- Milk Quality Assurance
- Milk Delivery Boy
- Milk Procurement & Input Supervisor
- Waste Management In Dairy Industry
- Feed And Fodder Management
- Clean Milk Production
- Decision Support System/ Data Analytics