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## TP Renewable Microgrid Partners with NDDDB to Bring Renewable Energy to Dairy Sector



TP Renewable Microgrid, a subsidiary of Tata Power, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) to promote renewable energy technologies within India's dairy value chain.

The collaboration focuses on enhancing sustainability and efficiency by integrating solar microgrid technology in key areas of the dairy sector.

Key initiatives include solarizing Dairy Cooperative Societies (DCSs), Bulk Milk Coolers (BMCs), and Milk Chilling Centers, helping reduce the sector's carbon footprint and energy costs.

The partnership aims to support NDDDB's ongoing efforts to transform rural India's economy through sustainable energy solutions in dairy production and processing, further strengthening the cooperative dairy model that has been pivotal to the nation's rural growth.

## PM Modi to Launch Innovative Dairy Farming Technologies



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will unveil groundbreaking initiatives aimed at enhancing dairy farming efficiency and addressing the stray cattle issue. Key among these is the introduction of a Unified Genomic Chip, designed for Indian breeds, which will help farmers identify high-quality bulls and milch cattle early on.

Additionally, an indigenous sex-sorted semen production technology will significantly reduce costs, making it more accessible for farmers to produce female calves. Current imports of sex-sorted technology cost Rs 1,000 per dose, but the new local method will bring this down to Rs 200.

These advancements aim to create a more sustainable dairy sector while minimizing the number of non-productive stray animals. Modi will also release the 18th instalment of the PM-Kisan scheme, benefiting over 9.4 crore farmers with financial assistance exceeding Rs 20,000 crore. This comprehensive support underscores the government's commitment to empowering the agricultural community in India.

## PM launches Rs 23,300-cr projects for agriculture, animal husbandry sectors



Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched significant initiatives worth ₹23,300 crore aimed at enhancing agriculture and animal husbandry in Maharashtra during his one-day visit. Arriving at Nanded Airport, Modi first paid homage at the Jagdamba Mata temple in Poharadevi and honored the legacies of Sant Sevalal Maharaj and Sant Ramrao Maharaj.

At a later event, he disbursed the 18th instalment of the PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi, totaling ₹20,000 crore to approximately 9.4 crore farmers. This brings the total released under the scheme to around ₹3.45 lakh crore.

Modi inaugurated over 7,500 projects under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, worth ₹1,920 crore, alongside 9,200 farmer producer organizations (FPOs) with a turnover of ₹1,300 crore. He also inaugurated five solar parks and recognized beneficiaries of the Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana, supporting women in the state.

## Cabinet Increases Daily Cow Subsidy to ₹50 Amid Financial Strain

In a significant move, the Maharashtra Cabinet has raised the daily subsidy for cows in gaushalas from ₹30 to ₹50 per bovine. Initially proposed by the Department of Animal Husbandry to match similar schemes in other states, the subsidy increase is expected to impose an additional burden of ₹230 crore annually on the already debt-laden state.

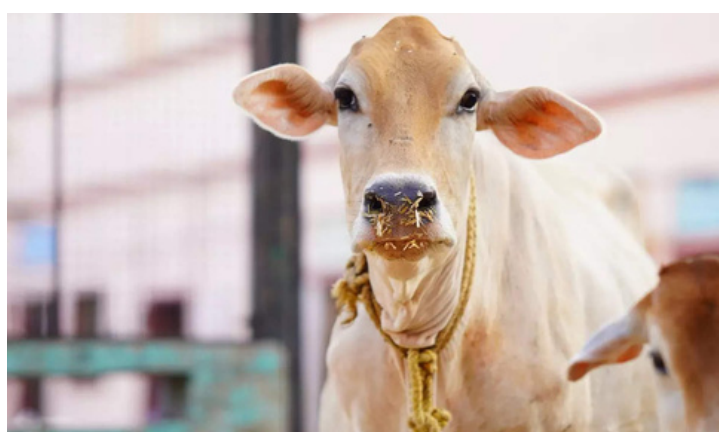


which has an estimated debt of ₹7.82 lakh crore. The original proposal of ₹30 per cow would have saved ₹95 crore annually.

The decision affects 828 gaushalas caring for over 1.23 lakh bovines across the state and is seen as part of the ruling Mahayuti alliance's strategy to reinforce its Hindutva stance ahead of the upcoming elections. In line with this, the Cabinet also conferred "Rajyamata-Gomata" status on cows, underscoring their cultural and spiritual importance.

Although the Finance and Planning Departments raised concerns about the financial strain, citing existing schemes that have already provided substantial grants to gaushalas, the Cabinet moved forward with the decision. The increase follows a trend in BJP-ruled states like Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh, where similar subsidies are in place.

## Maharashtra Declares Indigenous Cows as 'Rajyamata-Gomata' in Pre-Election Move



In a symbolic decision ahead of the Maharashtra Assembly elections, the state government has granted indigenous cow breeds the status of 'Rajyamata-Gomata' (State Mother Cow). The move, led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's Cabinet, highlights the cultural and agricultural importance of native cows in Indian tradition.

The decision underscores the significance of cows in Vedic culture, their nutritional value in milk production, and the relevance of cow dung and urine in Ayurvedic medicine and organic farming practices.

The state's Agriculture, Dairy Development, Animal Husbandry, and Fisheries Department issued a statement noting that indigenous cows have long been revered for their spiritual and practical contributions. Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis reinforced this, stating that indigenous cows are crucial to farmers and their welfare will be prioritized through increased support for goshalas.

This move is seen as part of the ruling government's efforts to consolidate its support among rural communities and appeal to Hindutva sentiments ahead of the elections. In addition, the Cabinet approved the Justice Shinde committee's reports on issuing Kunbi-Maratha certificates, addressing ongoing demands from the Maratha community for inclusion in the OBC category.

## Maharashtra Launches ₹149 Crore Phase II of Milk Development Project for Marathwada and Vidarbha

The Maharashtra government has approved the second phase of the milk development project with a budget of ₹149 crore, focusing on boosting farmers' income and increasing milk production in Marathwada and Vidarbha. Set to run until 2026-27, the project aims to distribute approximately 13,400 cows and buffaloes to farmers in 19 districts.



Farmers in the region are optimistic about the benefits. Sunil Pawar, a farmer from Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, expressed that dairy development is becoming a primary occupation due to unpredictable monsoon patterns affecting agriculture. He added that official support is crucial as the sector faces inflation challenges.

The total expenditure for the project is ₹328.42 crore, with a portion of the financial burden shared by farmers. The initiative also focuses on enhancing livestock quality through artificial insemination and IVF techniques, providing access to quality fodder, balanced diets, and veterinary services.

The first phase, launched in 2016, benefited 11 districts, and this expanded phase is expected to strengthen dairy farming across Marathwada and Vidarbha. Additionally, the state cabinet approved the reclassification of donated and religious institution lands in Marathwada, easing transaction terms for landowners across 42,710 hectares.

## AMUL ready to enter European market after success in US: MD

# Amul

AMUL, India's renowned dairy brand, is poised to expand into the European market after achieving significant success in the United States. Jayen Mehta, Managing Director of the Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), announced this strategic move during the 11th Dr. Verghese Kurien Memorial Oration, highlighting India's position as the world's largest milk producer.

Mehta emphasized that AMUL's mission extends beyond business, serving as a vital livelihood for millions in rural India. He credited the late Dr. Verghese Kurien, the founder of AMUL and a pivotal figure in India's White Revolution, for establishing a cooperative ecosystem that has propelled the brand's growth.

Currently, AMUL collects over 31 million liters of milk daily and boasts a turnover of ₹80,000 crore, with over 50 products sold across various markets. Nirmala Kurien, Dr. Kurien's daughter, reflected on her father's vision that transformed India into a self-sufficient dairy powerhouse. AMUL's entry into Europe marks a significant milestone in its global expansion.

AMUL's impending entry into Europe marks a significant milestone in its global expansion strategy, reflecting its commitment to quality and sustainability.



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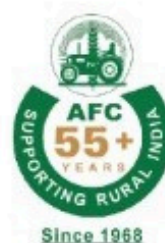


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## CEASI-Activities

### Empowering Women in Dairy: ITC and Centre of Excellence Organised Pashu Sakhi Training Program in Indore

Centre of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India, in collaboration with ITC Limited, has organized the Large Ruminant Pashu Sakhi Training Program in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. This initiative aims to empower 40 selected beneficiaries, known as Pashu Sakhis, by equipping them with essential skills in livestock management and sustainable dairy practices. Participants engaged in hands-on workshops covering nutrition, health management, and breeding techniques, guided by industry experts. “Empowering women in agriculture is vital for sustainable practices and improved livelihoods,” stated an ITC representative.

The program not only enhances the skills of women but also fosters leadership within their communities, enabling them to contribute significantly to local dairy production. By promoting skill development and gender equality, this initiative serves as a model for similar programs across India, highlighting the crucial role of women in transforming the agricultural landscape.



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## Who are we

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.

CEASI is an apex organization of Centres of Excellence in various sub-sectors of agriculture viz.

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

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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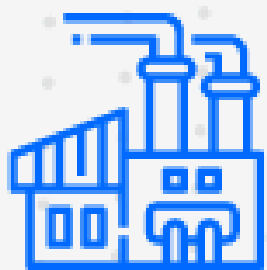


# Centre of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India

## 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

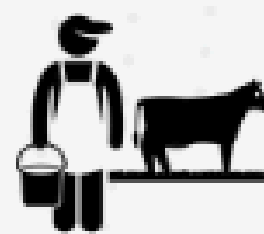
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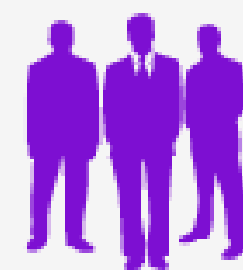
NGO's/CSR  
Foundations



Dairy Farmers



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# 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