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## District Dairy Farmers' Meet to Begin in Alappuzha



Alappuzha is set to host a two-day District Dairy Farmers' Meet at the Gregorian Convention Centre, Punnapra, starting December 16. The event will be inaugurated by Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development Minister J. Chinchurani at 10:30 a.m. The meet is organized by the Punnapra Milk Producers Cooperative Society, aiming to bring together dairy farmers to share knowledge and celebrate excellence in the field.

As part of the inaugural session, Fisheries Minister Saji Cherian will felicitate the district's best dairy farmers. The meet will feature a variety of activities, including a dairy development seminar, workshops, an exhibition, a dairy quiz competition, and cultural programs, designed to enhance learning and foster camaraderie among participants.

The event will conclude with a valedictory function on December 17 at 12 p.m., which will be inaugurated by Agriculture Minister P. Prasad. The meet underscores the district's commitment to advancing the dairy sector.

## UP to Boost Dairy Industry with Two New Veterinary Colleges



In a bid to enhance breed improvement and boost milk production, the Uttar Pradesh government has announced the establishment of two veterinary colleges in Gorakhpur and Bhadohi. These institutions will cater to cattle farmers across Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Nepal, with Purvanchal being the primary beneficiary. The move aims to address the challenges faced by local farmers, particularly the decline in milk production due to widespread malnutrition among animals, a factor identified by an earlier study by the Uttar Pradesh Livestock Development Board.

The government has also launched a comprehensive campaign to free pasture lands from encroachment, ensuring adequate grazing areas for cattle. This initiative is expected to improve animal health and productivity, further boosting milk production, a sector in which Uttar Pradesh leads, contributing 16% to the country's total output.

Both veterinary colleges will be affiliated with DUVASU in Mathura. Gorakhpur's college will be built on 80 acres of land with an initial investment of Rs 228 crore, while the Bhadohi college will span 15 acres, with a Rs 50 crore allocation.

## Chhattisgarh to Sign MoU with NDDDB for Dairy Entrepreneurship



In a significant move to promote dairy entrepreneurship, the Chhattisgarh government has announced its decision to sign an MoU with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB). The agreement, which was approved during a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, aims to boost milk collection, processing, and increase the state's dairy productivity.

The partnership with NDDDB will help enhance the processing capacity of the state's Milk Federation, introducing new technologies to improve efficiency. By fostering self-employment in the scheduled areas through dairy farming, the initiative seeks to reduce milk production costs, while creating a robust system for the sale of milk produced by Chhattisgarh's farmers.

NDDDB, a statutory body under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, has been instrumental in supporting dairy cooperatives across India. With its expertise, the collaboration will strengthen Chhattisgarh's dairy sector, ensuring sustainable growth and improved livelihoods for local farmers.

## Jharkhand Increases Milk Incentive to Boost Farmers' Income

In a bid to encourage milk production and enhance farmers' income, Shilpi Neha Tirkey, the newly appointed Minister of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, and Cooperation, announced a Rs 2 per litre hike in incentives for milk producers. The move was unveiled on Monday and aims to provide better financial support to dairy farmers in the state.



Currently, milk producers affiliated with the Jharkhand Milk Federation (JMF), which processes milk and allied products under the Medha brand, receive Rs 3 per litre. With this new announcement, the incentive will now rise to Rs 5 per litre, starting from the fiscal year 2024-25. The decision has already been approved by the state cabinet.

Minister Tirkey, after holding a meeting with Abu Bakr Siddique, the departmental secretary, and other officials, emphasized that the increase in incentives is a step toward boosting the state's dairy sector. The minister also revealed that she has begun departmental reviews to assess the status and implementation of various schemes, directing officials to proactively work for the upliftment of farmers and the overall agricultural sector. This initiative is expected to significantly support Jharkhand's dairy industry and provide financial relief to milk farmers.

## Kerala to Launch Comprehensive Insurance Scheme for Cattle



Kerala is all set to introduce a groundbreaking insurance scheme aimed at providing financial security to the entire cattle population in the state. The announcement was made by J Chinchurani, the State Dairy Development and Animal Husbandry Minister, highlighting the government's commitment to improving the welfare of dairy farmers.

Under this new initiative, the state will offer life insurance for dairy farmers at a nominal premium of just Rs 10. The scheme, to be rolled out by Milma's Malabar Union, will cover the entire cattle population, ensuring that farmers receive compensation in case of unforeseen events such as accidents, disease, or natural disasters that affect their livestock.

In addition to the insurance scheme, the Kerala government is also launching schemes aimed at enhancing milk production. These initiatives focus on nurturing heifers into high-yielding cows, which will, in turn, boost the overall milk yield in the state. This multi-pronged approach seeks to address the challenges faced by dairy farmers, such as cattle health and productivity, while also ensuring their financial stability.

The government's move to implement this insurance scheme reflects its efforts to strengthen the dairy sector and improve the livelihoods of farmers. With these measures, Kerala aims to create a more secure and sustainable environment for the dairy industry, providing much-needed support to its farmers in the face of rising challenges.



## Banas Dairy Chairman Shankar Chaudhary Receives Prestigious Laxmanrao Inamdar Award

The Laxmanrao Inamdar Award, recognizing the outstanding contribution to India's White Revolution, was conferred upon Shankar Chaudhary, the Chairman of Banas Dairy and Speaker of the Gujarat Legislative Assembly. The award was presented at the inaugural session of the 8th National Conference of Sahakar Bharati, which kicked off in Amritsar.



The event was inaugurated by Deenanath Thakur, the national president of Sahakar Bharati, alongside Dr. Uday Joshi, the national general secretary, at the Railway Ground on Friday. The ceremony began with the hoisting of the cooperation flag, setting the stage for a celebration of cooperative achievements across the country.

During his address, Chaudhary expressed his immense pride in receiving the award, stating, "This honor is not just for me, but for the millions of cattle farmers associated with Banas Dairy. This recognition belongs to the herdsmen of Banas, and it will inspire us to continue our work with greater dedication." He assured that Banas Dairy would continue to contribute to the welfare of the country.

The convention also featured a special exhibition showcasing the cooperative model of Sahakar Bharati. The event, with over 2,500 cooperative leaders in attendance, underscored the importance of the cooperative movement in uplifting society. Notable figures like Taranjit Singh, social worker and former Indian ambassador, were also present.

## Animal Husbandry Vital for India's Economic Growth, Says Shivraj Singh Chouhan



Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan emphasized the crucial role of animal husbandry alongside agriculture in boosting India's economy, particularly as the country is poised to become the world's third-largest economy. Speaking at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) in Karnal, Chouhan highlighted the need for agricultural diversification to increase farmers' income, suggesting the promotion of fruits, flowers, medicinal plants, agroforestry, beekeeping, and fisheries alongside traditional farming.

Chouhan further stressed the importance of utilizing new technology in agriculture and dairy production. "We must focus on increasing milk production using advanced technologies," he said, referencing the significance of research and innovation in enhancing productivity. He acknowledged NDRI's pioneering work in animal cloning, gene editing, and germplasm development to improve dairy farming.

The Minister also appreciated the contributions of Lakhpatti Didis and Drone Didis, women entrepreneurs spearheading rural social change. During his visit, Chouhan witnessed the advancements in dairy technologies and interacted with award-winning farmers and self-help group members. He reiterated that dairying contributes around 4.1% to the national GDP, a figure he aims to increase. In conclusion, Chouhan emphasized the economic empowerment of women and urged scientists to continue developing quality dairy technologies to uplift the sector.



### CEASI Activities

## Revolutionizing Dairy Farming in Uttar Pradesh through Upskilling Programs

CEDSI, in collaboration with Agriculture Skill Council of India and Industry Partner Ananda Dairy Ltd, is conducting continuous training programs under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) Recognition of Prior Learning (PMKVY, RPL) scheme to upskill 8,000 dairy farmers and entrepreneurs across Uttar Pradesh. The initiative aims to equip participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to enhance dairy farming practices, improve productivity, and boost the overall dairy industry in the region.

These training sessions are focused on building entrepreneurial capabilities, fostering sustainable farming practices, and creating self-reliant dairy professionals. By empowering local farmers with enhanced skills, the program is set to drive growth, improve incomes, and contribute to the long-term development of Uttar Pradesh's dairy sector.



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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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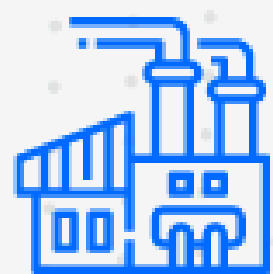


# Centre of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India

## 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

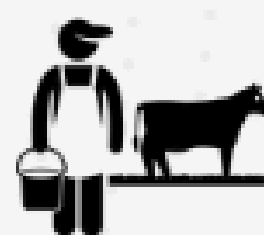
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Dairy Farmers



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## 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