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Milma Launches Three Welfare Schemes for Dairy Farmers in Southern Kerala



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The Thiruvananthapuram Regional Cooperative Milk Producers Union (TRCMPU) of Milma unveiled three welfare projects for dairy farmers in Kerala's southern districts, launched by Minister for Dairy Development and Animal Husbandry J. Chinchurani in Neyyattinkara. The schemes, Ksheera Sumangali, Ksheera Soubhagya, and Santhwana Sparsham, aim to support farmers in Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, and Alappuzha districts.

Ksheera Sumangali provides financial aid for the marriage of dairy farmers' daughters, while Ksheera Soubhagya is a ₹10,000 deposit scheme for newborn girls. Santhwana Sparsham offers financial assistance to farmers with critical illnesses. Minister Chinchurani also initiated the distribution of ₹1.18 crore in compensation under the 'Heat Index Cattle Insurance' scheme.

The event was presided over by MLA K. Ansalan, with TRCMPU chairperson Mani Viswanath and other officials in attendance, underscoring the importance of these initiatives for the local dairy community.

NDDDB to Revitalize Gwalior and Jabalpur Dairy Unions with Strategic Business Plan



The Madhya Pradesh Cooperative Dairy Federation (MPCDF) is set to revamp the financially troubled Gwalior and Jabalpur milk unions with the expertise of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB). Under a memorandum of understanding signed in July, NDDDB will deliver a comprehensive business roadmap by the end of August, providing technical guidance to strengthen Madhya Pradesh's dairy sector.

Dr. Satish Kumar, managing director of MPCDF, expressed optimism about reviving the Gwalior and Jabalpur plants through this collaboration, highlighting the expected modernization and operational revival of loss-making units. The NDDDB's plan will focus on implementing advanced measures to upgrade the cooperative dairy sector.

Currently, the Gwalior milk union collects 22,000-25,000 liters daily from three districts, with quality issues and farmer disinterest impacting collection. Anurag Singh Sengar, CEO of Gwalior Sahakari Dugdh Sangh, noted that farmers prefer selling to other states like Maharashtra, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan.

Central Bankers Convene to Boost India's Animal Husbandry Sector



The inaugural Central Level Banker Coordination Committee meeting for the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) took place on August 5, 2024, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Chaired by Alka Upadhyaya, Secretary of DAHD, the meeting included senior officials from DAHD, NABARD, SIDBI, NDDDB, NCDC, and key banks.

Upadhyaya lauded the banking sector's pivotal role in advancing India's livestock industry, highlighting the country's top position in milk production and its significant role in egg, fish, meat, and poultry markets. She emphasized the need for banks to support self-sufficiency, export growth, and processing enhancements via credit-linked schemes.

Varsha Joshi, Additional Secretary, stressed lending agencies' transformative potential in the sector. Discussions covered DAHD initiatives like the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF), National Livestock Mission-Entrepreneurship Development Programme (NLM-EDP), and Kisan Credit Card (KCC), addressing challenges and exploring opportunities to expand financial access and support sector growth.

Meghalaya Partners with Mother Dairy to Launch 'Meghalaya Brand' and Boost Agriculture

In a transformative step for agricultural marketing and supply chain management, the Meghalaya government has signed an MoU with Mother Dairy Fruits and Vegetables Pvt. Ltd., a subsidiary of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), to establish the 'Meghalaya Brand' on national and global platforms. This landmark agreement, signed on Friday in the presence of Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma, aims to enhance market connectivity, improve post-harvest care, and strengthen the state's dairy, fruit, and vegetable sectors.



The partnership will focus on varietal improvements, crop research, and logistics optimization, enabling direct market access for farmers and promoting organic products. Dr. Meenesh Shah, Chairman and Managing Director of NDDB, emphasized the commitment to supporting Meghalaya's farmers, ensuring better prices and market access.

Mother Dairy will assist in extending the shelf life of produce and enhancing processing capabilities. Dr. Vijay Kumar D., Commissioner & Secretary, Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, highlighted recent successes in exporting pineapples and oranges, noting that 12 MT of pineapples have already been shipped to various outlets.

Manish Bandlish, Managing Director of Mother Dairy, praised the collaboration's potential to bridge the gap between farmers and consumers, offering premium Meghalaya products like ginger and Khasi Mandarin. The initiative aims to strengthen the state's agricultural identity and increase sales nationwide.

Rajasthan Announces ₹250 Crore Fund to Support Cattle Farmers



Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma announced the establishment of the Chief Minister's Animal Husbandry Development Fund, allocating ₹250 crore to support cattle farmers in the state. The announcement was made while addressing a delegation from the Dewasi community, who expressed gratitude for the government's initiatives aimed at their upliftment in the state's annual budget.

Chief Minister Sharma emphasized the vital role cattle farmers play in Rajasthan's economy, which is primarily agriculture-based. The new fund is designed to promote, conserve, and develop animal husbandry practices across the state, providing significant benefits to cattle farmers.

In line with this, the government plans to increase the grant amount for breed development of dairy animals from 50% to 75%, addressing issues related to male cattle. Sharma highlighted that these initiatives are part of a broader vision for a developed Rajasthan, as outlined in the revised state budget for 2024-25.

The Chief Minister reiterated the government's commitment to fostering all-round development for all sectors, including farmers, animal husbandry, youth, and women. He assured that the aspirations of the eight crore people in Rajasthan will be met through these budgetary measures, underscoring a focus on empowerment and economic growth.

Pothanikkad Veterinary Dispensary Inaugurated as Government Strengthens Support for Dairy Farmers

The inauguration of the Pothanikkad veterinary dispensary in Ernakulam marks a positive development in enhancing animal healthcare services in the region. Minister for Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development J. Chinchu Rani led the opening ceremony, highlighting the government's commitment to the welfare of dairy farmers and livestock.

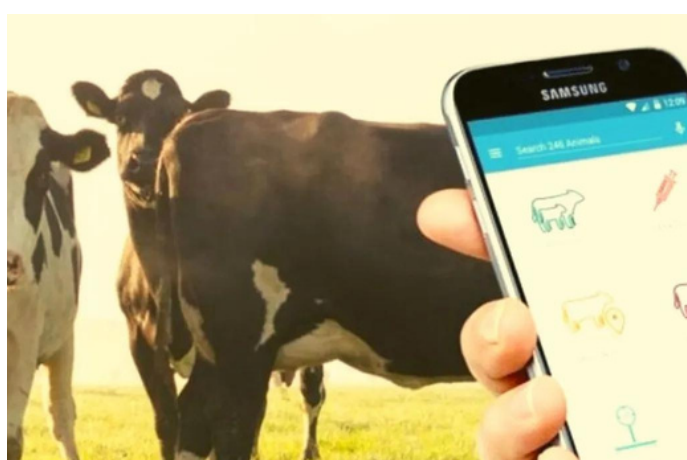


Minister Chinchu Rani emphasized the government's proactive approach in supporting dairy farmers in Wayanad district, who have been affected by recent heavy rains and landslides. She assured that the government is gathering information on the number of animals lost and the damage to cattle sheds, aiming to provide targeted assistance and relief measures to help farmers recover swiftly.

The establishment of the Pothanikkad veterinary dispensary is part of a larger initiative to improve veterinary services across Kerala. This facility will provide crucial support to farmers by ensuring their livestock receive timely and quality medical care.

The minister expressed optimism about the future of the dairy sector, noting that these efforts are a testament to the government's dedication to strengthening agricultural communities and building resilience against natural challenges. This initiative is expected to significantly benefit local farmers, enhancing their productivity and livelihoods.

Delhi Government Launches Innovative Call Centre for Veterinary Care



The Delhi government is set to enhance veterinary care across the city with a new initiative that includes establishing a call centre and deploying three mobile veterinary units. This project, led by the Animal Husbandry unit of the Development Department, aims to provide immediate medical assistance to stray animals and livestock, particularly in areas lacking veterinary services.

The initiative will feature a toll-free helpline, 1962, allowing residents to report cases and request help from mobile veterinary clinics. The call centre will operate daily on a 12x7 basis, with a veterinarian and three call executives managing two shifts to ensure round-the-clock coverage.

This centralised call centre will coordinate emergency responses, forwarding critical cases to the nearest mobile veterinary unit, hospital, or dispensary. It will also include a feedback-cum-quality team to monitor service delivery, assess care quality, and suggest improvements.

The project aims to significantly improve the reach and effectiveness of veterinary services in Delhi, ensuring timely and reliable care for both livestock and stray animals. This initiative is expected to greatly benefit animal welfare across the city.

CEASI Activities & Achievements

CEASI and Nuziveedu Seeds Promote Sustainable Direct Seeded Rice Techniques in Haryana

Centres of Excellence for Agriculture Skills in India (CEASI) and Nuziveedu Seeds Ltd. are spearheading the adoption of Direct Seeded Rice (DSR) techniques in Haryana, beginning with awareness programs in Sonipat and Panipat. DSR offers a transformative approach by saving up to 40% water, reducing labor by 50%, and enhancing sustainability through lower greenhouse gas emissions. This innovative method supports a greener future for agriculture. As we embrace DSR, let's work together to "Sow the Seeds of Sustainability with Direct Seeded Rice – Grow More, Save More, and Nurture Our Planet!"

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- 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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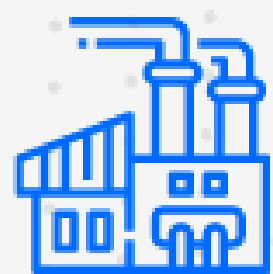


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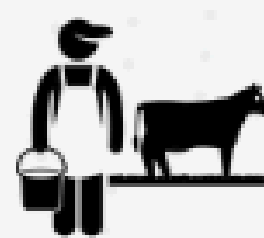
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- Dairy farm Economics and Management
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- Milk Tester
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- Milk Quality Assurance
- Milk Delivery Boy
- Milk Procurement & Input Supervisor
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- Feed And Fodder Management
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