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Kerala to Provide Affordable Green Fodder to Dairy Farmers



Kerala's State Government is set to launch an extensive project to ensure the availability of green fodder to dairy farmers at affordable rates year-round. Minister for Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development, J. Chinchurani, announced this initiative during the district-level inauguration of new welfare schemes by the Thiruvananthapuram Regional Cooperative Milk Producers Union (TRCMPU) of Milma.

The TRCMPU has introduced several welfare measures for the current financial year, including Ksheera Sumangali, Ksheera Soubhagya, and Santhwana Sparsham. The Ksheera Sumangali scheme offers financial aid for the weddings of dairy farmers' daughters. Ksheera Soubhagya provides a ₹10,000 deposit for newborn daughters of dairy farmers.

Santhwana Sparsham is designed to offer financial support to farmers facing critical illness or organ transplantation. These measures aim to enhance the welfare of dairy farmers and improve their quality of life.

Gokul Dairy to Establish Veterinary and Dairy Tech Colleges in Kolhapur



Gokul Dairy, officially known as Kolhapur Jilha Dudh Utpadak Sangh, is set to establish two new educational institutions in Kolhapur – one focusing on veterinary science and the other on dairy technology. Each college will have an intake capacity of 60 students. The initiative aims to address a significant shortage of veterinary doctors in the region, with over a hundred such professionals needed in Kolhapur district alone.

Arun Dongale, Chairman of Gokul Dairy, stated that the colleges will not only help in recruiting skilled veterinary doctors and dairy technicians but also provide local farmers' children with opportunities to pursue careers in these fields.

The chosen site for the colleges is near Katyayani Hills on the city's outskirts. The proposal will first be reviewed by the dairy's general body before being submitted to the state government for final approval.

Goa Chief Minister Considers New Milk Plant for Goa Dairy at Usgao



In response to the deteriorating condition of the Goa Dairy plant at Curti Ponda, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has indicated that a proposal for a new milk packaging plant at Mharvasaddo-Usgao will be considered. During a recent surprise visit to the existing facility, Sawant was informed by the committee of administrators about the urgent need for a new plant to enhance operational efficiency.

The proposal, currently in the planning stage, will be submitted to the government shortly. The Goa Milk Union owns ample land at Usgao, where a cattle feed plant is already located. The new plant, if approved, will be established on this site while the existing plant will continue its operations.

The new facility aims to focus on not just milk procurement, processing, and packaging but also on producing a range of dairy products, including lassi and flavored milk, to meet growing consumer demands.

Nationwide FMD Vaccination for Livestock Extended, Targeting 2030 Eradication

Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Rajiv Ranjan Singh, has announced a major expansion of the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccination program to include all pastoral livestock populations across India. This initiative is a key part of a 100-day action plan and aims to achieve a comprehensive FMD-free status by 2030. Vaccinations have already commenced in Ladakh, with careful monitoring in place.



Singh highlighted the critical role of livestock in India's economy and its impact on rural livelihoods, especially for women who are key to animal care. The National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) has achieved significant milestones, with around 82 crore vaccinations completed in 21 states. The government plans to establish FMD-free zones in states including Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh to strengthen disease control efforts, enhance milk production, and increase export opportunities.

The initiative also addresses the substantial economic losses caused by FMD, estimated at Rs. 24,000 crores annually. By improving livestock health and boosting productivity, the program aims to safeguard farmers' incomes and contribute to the overall growth of the livestock sector. Coordinated efforts will focus on animal movement tracking, disease surveillance, and biosecurity measures to achieve and maintain FMD-free zones.

21st Livestock Census to Utilize Mobile App for Efficient Data Collection



The 21st Livestock Census, starting September 1, will embrace digital technology to streamline data collection. This year, instead of using traditional books, census officials will utilize a specially developed mobile app called "21st Livestock Census" to record information efficiently. The Central Department of Animal Husbandry has provided extensive training on the app, which allows for faster data entry and synchronization with the central server, even in areas with limited network connectivity.

The census, conducted every five years since 1919, aims to gather comprehensive data on livestock, including cattle, buffaloes, goats, sheep, poultry, dogs, horses, emus, ostriches, elephants, and livestock in temples and Goshalas. The collected data will inform future policies and programs for the livestock sector, benefiting farmers and livestock owners.

In Karnataka, approximately 1.46 crore households will be surveyed by 3,357 census workers and 730 supervisors. Each household will be visited to collect details on livestock breeds, age, ownership, and farming practices. Households with large numbers of livestock will be categorized as farms.

Dr. Arun Kumar Shetty, Deputy Director of the Department of Animal Husbandry, urged the public to cooperate and provide accurate information to ensure effective policy planning.

Marathwada Farmers Eager for Benefits of New Milk Development Project

Following the Maharashtra state cabinet's approval of the second phase of the milk development project, farmers in Marathwada and Vidarbha are expressing their excitement about the initiative. The project, with a substantial outlay of ₹149 crore, aims to enhance farmers' income and boost milk production in the state by 2026-27.



The second phase of the project will see the distribution of approximately 13,400 cows and buffaloes across 19 districts in Marathwada and Vidarbha. This phase follows the first stage launched in 2016, which targeted 11 districts. Sunil Pawar, a farmer from Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, emphasized the need for support as dairy farming becomes increasingly vital due to the unpredictable monsoon affecting agriculture. He highlighted the dual challenges of rising inflation and the need for official assistance.

The comprehensive project plans to invest ₹328.42 crore in total. It will focus on advancing dairy farming practices through artificial insemination and IVF techniques to improve milk production. Additionally, the project will provide quality fodder, balanced diets, and veterinary services to farmers.

In a related development, the state cabinet has also approved the reclassification of donated and religious land in Marathwada to Class I, easing conditions for landowners. This decision affects approximately 42,710 hectares, aiming to facilitate more straightforward land use and development.

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin Inaugurates Upgraded Veterinary Polyclinic Campus in Vellore



Chief Minister M.K. Stalin virtually inaugurated a new permanent campus for the government veterinary polyclinic in Vellore on Tuesday. The polyclinic, originally a British-era bull station, has undergone significant upgrades and has now been relocated to a modern single-storey building near the Central Prison in Vellore town. This development marks the fulfillment of a long-pending project designed to boost veterinary services for the region's livestock.

The facility was constructed at a cost of ₹3 crore, funded by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). The new campus is equipped to provide comprehensive veterinary care, including diagnostic, therapeutic, and preventive services. It will cater to the needs of local farmers, ensuring that they have better access to veterinary support and services. The polyclinic's enhanced infrastructure aims to improve animal health and contribute to the overall welfare of livestock in the Vellore region.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by MLA P. Karthikeyan and Collector V.R. Subbulaxmi, who inspected the newly constructed facility. The upgraded polyclinic is expected to play a crucial role in addressing the rising demand for veterinary services, especially in rural areas, and is seen as a significant step toward strengthening rural healthcare infrastructure. With this development, the region is set to witness improved veterinary services, benefiting both farmers and animal owners alike.

The new campus reflects the government's commitment to enhancing rural veterinary services and providing much-needed infrastructure for the agricultural community. This project is part of a broader effort to bolster animal healthcare and ensure sustainable livestock management in Tamil Nadu.

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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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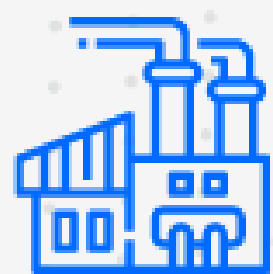


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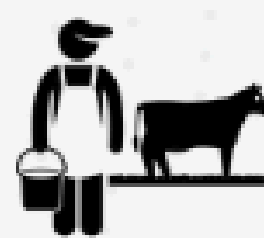
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- Artificial Insemination Technician
- Veterinary Field Assistant
- Veterinary Clinical Assistant
- Calf Rearing
- Farm Equipment Technician
- Dairy farm Economics and Management
- Industry Aligned Certification Programs (Unemployed Youth and Students)

FPO Oriented Training Programs

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Flagship Skill Training Programme for Dairy Corporates and Cooperatives

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- Village Level Milk Collection Centre Supervisor
- Milk Tester
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- Milk Delivery Boy
- Milk Procurement & Input Supervisor
- Waste Management In Dairy Industry
- Feed And Fodder Management
- Clean Milk Production
- Decision Support System/ Data Analytics