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FSSAI Orders Dairy Companies to Drop Misleading A1 and A2 Labels



The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has directed dairy companies to stop using A1 and A2 labels on products like milk, ghee, butter, and curd. These labels distinguish between two types of milk proteins, with A1 found in breeds like Holstein and A2 in breeds like Jersey cows. While some studies suggest A2 milk might be easier to digest, global research remains inconclusive, with no definitive proof that it is healthier or superior.

FSSAI considers these claims misleading and inconsistent with the Food Safety and Standards Act of 2006, raising concerns that consumers may be falsely led to believe one type of milk is better than the other.

Companies have been given six months to comply by removing these labels from their packaging, while e-commerce platforms must take down related claims immediately. This move by FSSAI is aimed at protecting consumers from misinformation and ensuring transparency in the dairy industry.

Milma Announces ₹8.52 Crore Onam Gift for North Kerala Dairy Farmers



The Malabar Regional Co-operative Milk Producers' Union (Milma) has announced an Onam gift worth ₹8.52 crore for dairy farmers in North Kerala. The benefits include additional remuneration for milk and subsidies for cattle fodder, aimed at providing relief to farmers affected by heavy rains and natural disasters during July and August. The decision was made during a meeting of Milma's administrative panel on August 24.

Around one lakh dairy farmers and 1,200 cooperative societies across the region will benefit from this initiative. The Onam gift is intended to support farmers who have faced significant challenges due to adverse weather conditions.

Milma's move highlights its commitment to safeguarding the livelihoods of dairy farmers, ensuring they receive necessary assistance during difficult times. The package is expected to bring much-needed financial relief and boost morale during the festive season, underscoring the cooperative's role in fostering resilience within the dairy community.

Kerala Government to Ensure Year-Round Affordable Green Fodder for Dairy Farmers



The Kerala government is set to launch a comprehensive project aimed at making green fodder available to dairy farmers at affordable prices throughout the year. Minister for Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development, J. Chinchurani, announced the initiative during the district-level inauguration of welfare schemes by the Thiruvananthapuram Regional Cooperative Milk Producers Union (TRCMPU) of Milma.

The project is expected to address a critical need for consistent and affordable green fodder, which is essential for sustaining dairy farming in the state. The initiative will focus on boosting fodder production and ensuring a steady supply to dairy farmers, particularly during periods of fodder scarcity.

Minister Chinchurani emphasized that the project aligns with the government's broader goal of enhancing the dairy sector's productivity and profitability. By making green fodder more accessible, the government aims to reduce the financial burden on dairy farmers while promoting healthier livestock and better milk yields.

MP Government to Deploy 2,000 Volunteers to Relocate Stray Cattle to Shelters

The Madhya Pradesh government has decided to appoint over 2,000 volunteers to address the issue of stray cattle by relocating them to shelters. These volunteers, who will receive an honorarium ranging from ₹5,000 to ₹10,000, will be appointed by district panchayats and urban development departments. The honorarium will be determined based on the number of stray cattle in each area.



The decision was made by a five-member committee led by the additional chief secretary (home) as part of a 15-day campaign initiated on August 21 to control stray cattle. During the rainy season, stray cattle often congregate on roads, causing disruptions for commuters. To address this, village panchayats near highways will appoint volunteers responsible for moving cattle to shelters and constructing temporary shelters where necessary.

District administrations have also been instructed to purchase hydraulic cattle-lifting trolleys costing ₹6 lakh each for safe cattle relocation. The panchayat and rural development department's additional chief secretary, Malay Shrivastava, emphasized that districts have the autonomy to appoint volunteers and determine their honorarium according to local needs. Additionally, the animal husbandry department allocated ₹5 lakh per district from the Animal Patient Welfare Committee Fund to support the initiative, including cow patrolling on highways using GPS-equipped vehicles.

Indore Cooperative Dugdh Sangh to Boost Milk Collection for Festive Season Demand Surge



The Indore Cooperative Dugdh Sangh is gearing up to increase its milk collection in anticipation of a sharp rise in demand during the upcoming festive season. Daily milk consumption has already risen to around 2.35 lakh liters, nearing the cooperative's procurement capacity. With the festive season expected to push milk demand for sweets production and household use to as much as 14 lakh liters per day, the cooperative plans to onboard more dairy farmers to meet the growing need.

Earlier, the Dugdh Sangh had a daily surplus of nearly 30,000 liters until July, but rising consumption levels have closed that gap. Currently, daily milk collection stands at approximately 12-12.5 lakh liters, aligning closely with estimated daily consumption. To ensure a steady supply, the cooperative is taking proactive steps to scale up its milk procurement.

Recent growth in sales of dairy byproducts like ghee and paneer has also been promising, with expectations to reach 26,000-27,000 kg by the end of August. The Indore Dugdh Vikreta Sangh believes that rising demand from sweets manufacturers and households will drive this surge, prompting the cooperative to prepare for a busy and successful festive season ahead.

Northeast States Review Dairy Development and Livestock Schemes in Delhi Meeting

In a crucial Regional Review Meeting held in New Delhi, the Secretary of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Smt. Alka Upadhyaya, led discussions on the progress of key livestock and dairy development programs in the Northeast. The meeting, attended by high-level officials from Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura, focused on the implementation of significant initiatives like the Rashtriya Gokul Mission, National Livestock Mission (NLM), National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP), and the National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD).

Smt. Upadhyaya stressed the need for tailored strategies to boost the number of productive bovines in the region and urged officials to address fodder shortages and maximize the use of infrastructure developed under the NPDD. She highlighted the importance of expanding the organized dairy sector, promoting indigenous milk products, and developing robust marketing plans.

The meeting also reviewed the success of entrepreneurship initiatives under the NLM, and Smt. Upadhyaya encouraged states to leverage available opportunities to enhance local entrepreneurship in the livestock sector. The Secretary emphasized the importance of accurate data collection for the upcoming 21st Livestock Census, which will be vital for future policy formulation in the Animal Husbandry sector.

Pudukottai District Launches Eight Mobile Veterinary Clinics for Remote Villages



In a significant move to enhance veterinary care in rural areas, eight mobile veterinary clinics have been launched in Pudukottai district. These clinics aim to provide free medical services to livestock in remote villages that lack access to veterinary hospitals and dispensaries.

Each mobile clinic is fully equipped with the necessary tools, medicines, and equipment to treat various livestock ailments. A dedicated veterinary doctor and an assistant are assigned to each vehicle, ensuring that professional care is available to animals in need. The mobile clinics will travel to the most isolated parts of the district, offering crucial veterinary services that would otherwise be unavailable.

The initiative is expected to have a significant impact on livestock health in these underserved areas, helping to prevent disease outbreaks and improve overall animal welfare. By bringing veterinary care directly to farmers, the program supports the well-being of livestock, which is vital for the livelihoods of rural communities in Pudukottai.

This rollout of mobile veterinary clinics underscores the district's commitment to improving animal health and supporting the agricultural economy. The free services provided by these clinics are anticipated to greatly benefit farmers, ensuring that their animals receive the necessary care, regardless of their location.

These initiatives reflect the government's commitment to improving the livelihoods of dairy farmers, ensuring their social security, and promoting sustainable dairy practices. The comprehensive support package aims to boost both the dairy sector and the well-being of those working within it.

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.

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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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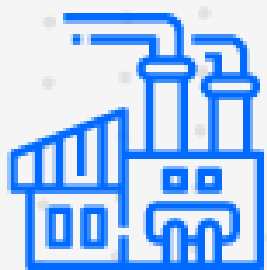


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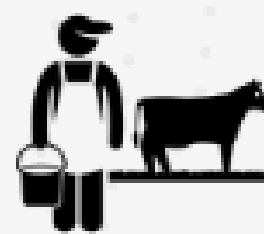
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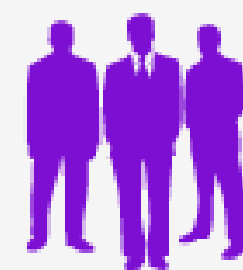
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- Artificial Insemination Technician
- Veterinary Field Assistant
- Veterinary Clinical Assistant
- Calf Rearing
- Farm Equipment Technician
- Dairy farm Economics and Management
- Industry Aligned Certification Programs (Unemployed Youth and Students)

FPO Oriented Training Programs

- FPO Member Orientation on Product Technology and Processes.
- FPO Market Linkage
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- Village Level Milk Collection Centre Supervisor
- Milk Tester
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- 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