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Govt sets up Dairy Investment accelerator to help investors

The government on 19th July, Monday said a 'Dairy Investment Accelerator' has been set up under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying to serve as an interface with investors. In a statement, the government said Dairy Investment Accelerator will be part of the investment facilitation cell of the ministry. "It is a cross-functional team constituted to serve as the interface with investors," it said.

The fund has been set up to offer financial support to entrepreneurs, private companies, MSME, Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs), and Section 8 companies. Eligible entities can avail the benefits of the scheme to set up new units or expand existing units in areas of dairy processing and related value addition infrastructure, meat processing and animal feed plant. To reach out to Dairy Investment Accelerator on dairy-accelerator@ismgr.nic.in.



Assam to use sex-sorted semen to mostly breed cows for benefit of dairy farmers

The state proposes to introduce the use of sex-sorted semen for the benefit of dairy farmers. There will be an increase in the number of high genetic female calves born in cattle and buffalo farms with the use of sex-sorted semen. It will control the birth of scrub bulls as 80-90% of all births would be of female calves," the state's Finance Minister Ajanta Neog said in the Assembly reading out the state budget on 16th July, Friday.

The minister said female births would help in meeting the ever-increasing demand for milk. This year, the government proposed to cover 50,000 cattle and buffaloes with the use of 1.25 lakh doses of high genetic merit sex-sorted frozen semen.



Govt to provide export assistance to GCMMF for SMP

The Gujarat government on Friday announced financial assistance for Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), which markets milk and milk products under the Amul brand, to compensate for losses incurred in exports of skimmed milk powder (SMP).

The state has decided to provide an assistance of a maximum of Rs. 50 per kg for the export of skimmed milk powder from July 1 to December 31, 2021 with a ceiling of Rs. 150 crores. It has decided to increase the freight on board (FOB) price for skimmed milk powder by Rs 20 per kg to Rs 200 per kg from the existing Rs 180 per kg given to the GCMMF, the state government said in a statement.

CEDSI organized a webinar on Importance of Silage

CEDSI organized a webinar on Friday 16th July on the topic of 'Importance of Silage in Sustainable Dairy Business'. The webinar stated the importance of feed and fodder and how silage can be a solution to the perfect nutrition for cattle. Mr. Sunil Attri, Silage Business Lead of Corteva Agri-Science and Mr. Jaswant Singh Kalsi, Dairy Expert were the speakers in the webinar and Mr. Anupam Lal, Vice President CEDSI was the moderator.

Banas dairy to pay INR 1,132 crore as price difference to dairy farmers

Banas Dairy on its 53rd Annual General Meeting held on 21st July announced direct payment of Rs. 1,132 crores to the bank accounts of the milk producers affiliated with Banas Dairy in the upcoming month of August. Of this sum, Rs. 1007 crore will be paid on account of price difference while Rs. 125 crores will be paid as a debenture. The price difference in percent will be 14.18%. In addition to this, accident insurance of up to Rs. 1 lakh for affiliated pashupalaks was also announced by Banas Dairy and the premium of which shall be paid by the dairy. Earlier protection cover offered by the dairy was Rs. 30,000 which has been increased now to Rs. 1 lakh.

Banas Dairy to generate its own electricity with 50-MW solar plant

Banas Dairy, the biggest milk cooperative in Asia, will soon generate its own electricity. The dairy located in North Gujarat will install a 50 Megawatt (MW) solar plant that will help cut the electricity cost of the dairy by 25 percent.

"Banas dairy plans to set a separate cooperative body which can help produce electricity. Every year, Banas dairy and the village-level milk cooperatives need Rs 200 crore worth of electricity. This is the farmers' money that we end up paying as electricity bills to the power companies. So, we plan to bring together the local milk cooperatives in Banaskantha to create this new body," said Shankar Chaudhary, chairman of Banas Dairy while addressing the 53rd Annual General Meeting of the dairy.



Kerala govt will regulate entry of poor-quality milk

Minister for Dairy Development and Animal Husbandry, Govt. of Kerala J. Chinchu Rani on Friday said the state govt was considering practical steps to control the entry of poor-quality milk and milk products from other states into Kerala.

Launching the toll-free customer care number of the Kerala Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (Milma) at Peringalam, the Minister said many such producers were found imitating Milma products to win the market. "The first step to counter such attempts is to boycott such poor-quality products. Milma alone offers unadulterated dairy products in the State," she pointed out. On new ventures by Milma, the minister said the tender process for opening a dairy whitener unit at Moorkanad in Malappuram district was in the final phase. "within a year, we will be able to operationalise the plant," minister said.



Digital locks on milk tankers to check adulteration, a step taken by MPSCDFL

MP State Cooperative Dairy Federation (MPSCDFL) has decided to install digital locks in milk tankers to prevent adulteration of milk. This move is the first of its kind in the country to check adulteration, claims the MPSCDFL. While reviewing the activities of the Dairy Federation, animal husbandry and dairy development minister Prem Singh Patel on Wednesday said that MP would be the first state in the country to install the digital locks on milk tankers. All the vehicles collecting milk will have vehicle tracking system, he added.

The minister said the MPSCDFL had collected 8,35,959 litre milk from across the state from April to June in 2021. Out of this, 2,36,149 litres were sent to other states. Notably, a gang was busted in December 2019 which stole milk from tankers and replaced it with water and adulterated milk. Thus, they earned about Rs 12 lakh daily by selling adulterated milk to the federation.