

PM Modi releases 12th installment under PM-KISAN scheme



The government has released Rs 16,000 crore on Monday through direct benefit transfer under the 12th installment of the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) plan, which is expected to benefit 10 crore farmers.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released the installment amount during the "PM Kisan Samman Sammelan 2022" opening ceremony at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute.

Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) is transferred through Direct Benefit Transfer. Under the scheme, eligible farmer families are provided with a benefit of Rs 6,000 per year in three equal installments of Rs 2,000 each.

The Prime Minister also introduced the "Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana - One Nation One Fertilizer" programme during the ceremony.

Amul to start work on 20 LLPD milk processing plant in Saurashtra



Amul marketer Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Limited (GCMMF) will soon start work for a new 20 lakh litres per day (LLPD) of milk processing plant near Rajkot, creating additional processing capacity for the region. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to virtually perform ground-breaking for the ₹500-crore plant next week. The plant, considered as a common mega dairy for the Saurashtra region, will be set up at Gadhka village in Rajkot district.

"The annual transportation cost is around ₹100 crore. So, once this facility is ready in Saurashtra, it will directly benefit farmers of the region. There won't be any milk holiday during the flush season and also the savings from transportation cost will allow dairies to pay a little higher procurement price to the producers," said RS Sodhi, Managing Director, GCMMF.

No Cattle Fest At Pushkar Fair This Year



The famous Pushkar fair in Rajasthan's Ajmer district, which attracts thousands of tourists, will be held without the cattle fest this year owing to the spread of lumpy disease in the state.

Sub-divisional magistrate (Pushkar) Sukhram Pindel said, "Cattle fair will not be held this year due to the lumpy disease outbreak. Apart from this, all other religious and cultural events will be held. Preparations for the fair are going on full swing."

Cattle trading remains a key highlight of the colourful and vibrant fair which is held annually in the holy month of Kartik in Pushkar town, around 150 km away from the state capital. The Pushkar fair will be held from November 1 to 7, an official release said. According to the animal husbandry department official, as many as 15, 59, 859 animals have been affected with the lumpy disease in Rajasthan and of them 74, 495 died and 11, 84, 163 recovered so far.

500 crore accelerator programme to enhance the successful initiatives of Agri Startups: Union Agriculture Minister

Taking major policy initiatives for Agriculture Startups, the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar made several key announcements. In the Agri Startup Conference PM Kisan Samman Sammelan at Delhi, Mr. Tomar informed that a high-level steering committee will be constituted under the chairmanship of Agriculture Minister for overall guidance of the Agriculture Startup ecosystem. A Rs.500 crore accelerator programme for taking forward and popularizing the successful initiatives of Agri Startups will be started.



Mr. Tomar said a cell will also be created to work as a single window agency for Agri Startups to facilitate all linkages required with certification agencies, financial institutions, agricultural universities etc.

Mr. Tomar informed that a marketing linkage will be created with organizations like e-NAM and NAFED to meet the market needs of the products developed by the Agri Startups. A portal will also be developed to create a database for all Agriculture Startups and monitor their development. He said that efforts will be made to organize Agri Startup Conclave at national and regional level to promote Startups in Agriculture sector. The target of the Central Government is to increase the Agri-startup to 10,000 from the current 2000 startup's, Tomar Added.

Maharashtra's largest cooperative dairy Gokul, Amul and Mother Dairy increases the milk price



Maharashtra's largest cooperative dairy, Gokul, will hike the price of buffalo milk to Rs 69 per litre (up Rs 3) in Mumbai and Pune, citing the war in Ukraine and drought in milk producing nations.

Gokul dairy has decided to increase the sale price of buffalo milk by Rs 3 per litre. However, the price of cow milk remains unchanged. Gokul's milk in Mumbai and Pune will cost Rs 69 per litre Friday. The dairy has increased the prices six times, Rs 9 per litre in total, in the past one-and-a-half years.

Amul, India's largest cooperative dairy based in Gujarat, too had increased milk price by Rs 2 per litre. The price hike was effective for all states, barring Gujarat.

Previously, the price of full cream milk was Rs 61 per litre. Amul Shakti milk is now available at Rs 50 per litre, Amul Gold at Rs 62 per litre and Amul Taza at Rs 56 per litre. The hike comes just ahead of the festive season and is expected to impact household budgets.

Mother Dairy also announced hike in prices of full cream milk and cow milk by ₹2 per litre. To compensate for the increase in procurement costs, the prices are increased, Mother Dairy said. The hike will come into effect in Delhi-NCR region.

Make plan to boost animal husbandry: Union Min Rupala asks Nagaland Govt

Union minister of fisheries, animal husbandry and dairying, Parshottam Rupala, who arrived Kohima on his two-day maiden visit to Nagaland, asked the state government to make a holistic plan to boost animal husbandry and increase livestock in the state.

According to DIPR, Rupala held a review meeting with advisor animal husbandry & veterinary services R Khing and advisor fisheries and aquatic resources L Khumo at Dzukuo House, Raj Bhavan, Kohima.



On being apprised that there are more than 2,000 mithun farmers in 297 villages of the state, the minister asked the state authorities to submit a proposal to the Centre to help farmers involved in rearing of bovine species mithun.

He further encouraged the department officials to use modern and scientific technology for the welfare of the people through various programmes of the Ministry. Union minister said there were government schemes for the rearing of cows and pigs, providing up to 50 per cent subsidy. He said that similar programmes should be proposed by the state administration to encourage mithun farming in Nagaland, Rupala said.

Pointing out that livestock in Nagaland has decreased by 40 per cent, while the human population has been increasing, Rupala said that a comprehensive plan to boost animal husbandry should be sent to the Centre, besides proposals on the requirement of the state and details of projects which have been pending should be submitted.

Andhra Gou Pushti, A.P. Government's own brand of cow milk launched



The State government launched Andhra Gou Pushti, a branded cow milk. Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Minister Seediri Appalaraju, and Government Advisor Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy inaugurated an outlet in the city.

The Animal Husbandry Department said that it intends to sell 27 varieties of cow milk and cow milk products through the outlet.

On the occasion, the Minister said that the Government was setting up 58 Dr. YSR indigenous cow breeding centres with a budget of ₹17.40 crore. The indigenous cow breeding centres set up by the joint liability groups would supply cow milk to the consumers under the brand name of Andhra Gou Pushti.

Milk, ghee, paneer, curds, buttermilk, A2 cow milk tea, coffee, badam milk etc., would be sold at the centre and the milk production would be done without the use of fertiliser antibiotics.

Dairy push: Milkfed eyes Capital gains with Verka outlets

Punjab State Cooperative Milk Producers Federation Limited, popularly known as Milkfed, has inked an agreement to launch its Verka brand of milk and milk products in Delhi, said chief minister Bhagwant Mann, who was in Ludhiana to inaugurate the newly built Verka milk processing and butter plant.

Mann said that Milkfed, the leading cooperative of the state will augment the milk supply to Delhi from currently 30,000 litres to 2 lakh litres, thereby benefiting the farmers and milk producers of the state. “This is a revolutionary step aimed at supplementing the income of the farmers to bail them out from the agrarian crisis,” he said.

“According to the agreement, Verka will open new outlets at every nook and corner of Delhi to supply milk and milk products in the national capital. The sole aim of the government is to extend maximum support and best prices to the dairy farmers of Punjab by following the true essence of cooperation,” he added.

The newly launched plant, which was inaugurated on the Ferozepur, has been constructed at a cost of ₹105 crore. Mann said the plant’s milk processing capacity is 9 lakh litres daily with 10 metric tonne butter handling capacity.



Shah presents India’s unique smallholder dairying system in Rome



Meenesh Shah, Chairman, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) presented India’s smallholder dairying system to the global experts and shared experiences of using innovation and digitisation for dairy development at the Science & Innovation Forum 2022 organised by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in Rome, Italy.

During the meetings, the opportunities for working together in the area of dairy development were discussed and Shah also proposed jointly organising an international symposium as part of G20 presidency of India, reads a release from the NDDB.

Shah said that India contributes 23 per cent of global milk production with about 6 per cent annual growth rate. These have been made possible through innovations – technological, scientific, processes and more importantly bringing people together and building a governance structure.

NDDB Chairman said that the focus is on digital ecosystems like Information Network for Animal Productivity & Health (INAPH), the national database in which over 230 million animals are registered & National Digital Livestock Mission (NDLM) having components like traceability, disease surveillance, and control programmes.

Dairying & Sustainable Development Goals

Centre of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India (CEDSI) helps the empowerment and betterment of Livelihood for farmers, wage workers, and other stakeholders in the Dairy & allied sector value chain. We have taken this initiative to aware all the stakeholders on how working in dairy sector would bring real change. Every week we shall publish about how each goal is associated with dairy & livestock and is bringing holistic sustainable development for all. This is the 7th article in the series.

Goal 7 : Affordable and Clean Energy

SDG 7 focuses on a concerted global effort to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all. Energy is interconnected with all of the other SDGs, and recognizing these linkages is important to effectively implement them. SDG 7 targets on

1. Ensure universal access to energy sources
2. Increase share of Renewable energy
3. Double improvement of energy efficiency
4. Facilitate access to clean energy research
5. Expand supply sustainable energy DC

Livestock perfect partner for SDG 7

Sustainable Development Goal 7 seeks to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all. It highlights the importance of investing in renewable forms of energy and expanding infrastructure to supply sustainable energy services to developing countries, where many people still live without electricity. Currently, the greater part of the world's energy consumption (approximately 80 percent) is generated from fossil fuels. The alternative and relatively clean energy source also termed as low carbon source such as solar or those obtained from biomass, are not only renewable but have a much lower environmental impact than conventional fuels. The concept of clean energy which replaces polluting coal and oil with renewable sources is the most significant conquest of the twenty first century. Some clean energy source derived from livestock manure can be turned into Biogas , which is a essential in developing country like India.



Biogas not only enhances their energy security but also helps in resolving problem such as environment pollution, bad odour and flies. At global level, turning animal manure into biogas would also eliminate a leading source of methane, a powerful driver of global warming. Converting livestock manure into biogas could make a major domestic renewable fuel source available to more than a billion people, giving them access to affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy in line with SDG 7. For the developing country like India using biogas to expand household electricity production.

Livestock production is increasing in developing countries and will continue to do so in the near future, therefore plentiful supplies of livestock manure will be available as feedstock to run a new generation of digesters for biogas production. It can also provide a valuable source of income from selling manure by the farmers. Using biogas for cooking would not only reduce land degradation from biomass collection for cooking but would also save women the long hours they now spend gathering fuel wood thereby freeing them to engage in more productive tasks. The spoilage or petrification of milk due to lack of refrigeration in rural areas of developing countries can be overcome by biogas-run refrigerators and chilling appliances can help preserve multi-nutrient and vitamin levels in animal-source foods (ASFs) and fruit and vegetables; increase their shelf-life; and reduce food waste, enhancing both nutrition and food security (synergy with SDG 2 on ending hunger, and SDG 3).



Conclusion :

SDG 7 encourages wider access to energy, and greater use of renewables. The livestock sector, increasingly, is contributing to the provision of clean, renewable energy by converting manure into biogas.

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