

## Dodla Dairy acquires Krishna Milk for ₹ 50 crore to expand business



Dodla Dairy Ltd on Saturday said it has acquired Karnataka-based Sri Krishna Milks Pvt Ltd for ₹ 50 crore to expand its business.

In a regulatory filing, Dodla Dairy informed that the company has executed an agreement with Sri Krishna Milks Pvt Ltd for the acquisition of business as a "going concern" and on a slump purchase basis for consideration of ₹ 50 crore.

The deal is expected to be concluded in around two months from the date of the acquisition. Krishna Milks Pvt Ltd (SKMPL), incorporated in 1989, was the first private sector dairy company in Karnataka. SKMPL is mainly into procuring milk, manufacturing, and selling dairy products. Its turnover in 2020-21 was ₹ 67.27 crore

## Animal Husbandry Dept. Kerala to launch 29 Veterinary ambulances in first phase



Twenty-nine vehicles will be launched in the first phase of a programme for providing all block panchayats with fully-equipped veterinary care ambulances to guarantee timely medical care to cattle, Minister for Animal Husbandry J. Chinchurani has said.

The ambulance service will be available round the clock. The Animal Husbandry department also plans to post doctors for the service, she said

Stressing the importance of the health of cattle and the availability of treatment facilities, the Minister said mobile tele-veterinary units will be established in all the districts. As part of boosting the dairy sector, the government will provide 50% for the loans taken by aspiring entrepreneurs, she said.

## Sanchi Milk Co-operative Federation Milk gets costlier by ₹ 2 per litre from today



The Sanchi Milk Co-operative Federation has decided to increase the prices of milk with effect from Monday in Madhya Pradesh. The hike in prices is across all brands under Sanchi and the cost of Sanchi milk has gone up from ₹3 per litre to ₹ 5 per litre.

An official release from Bhopal Dugdh Sangh said that new prices will be applicable in the state from the morning of Monday, March 21. The customers who have paid in advance for a period from March 16 to April 15 will continue to get the milk at old rates. The price hike would be applicable from April 16.

After the revision of rates, a half-a-litre full cream gold packet will now cost ₹ 29 against the price of ₹ 27. One litre of the same variety would now be available at a cost of ₹ 57 instead of the existing ₹ 53.

## How Putin's war on Ukraine is affecting Karnataka and Goa farmers

Farmers in North Karnataka say they cannot afford cattle feed prescribed by the Karnataka Co-operative Milk Federation (KMF), with war uncertainty hiking prices further in the last 15 days.

Farmers incur losses because their cows produce significantly less milk compared to the landlords who use the feed, thereby not being able to sell as much to the dairies as their competitors.

Similarly, Goa Dairy facing huge losses over escalating costs of raw materials for producing cattle feed.

After registering a profit for the first time during the last fiscal year, Goa Dairy's Cattle Feed Manufacturing Plant at Mharvasaddo-usgao has been facing a loss of over ₹ 65,000 per day. Officials said that imports of key ingredients used in manufacturing cattle feed have been hit due to the ongoing war, and hence Indian suppliers who import these items have hiked rates.



## Technology launched to detect udder disease in dairy animals

Scientists of the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), 24 March 2022 launched a new innovative technology for rapid detection of clinical and sub-clinical mastitis in dairy animals. Dr MS Chauhan, Director, NDRI, launched this innovative technology and said that it was an outcome of a joint collaborative research project of the NDRI and IIT- Delhi. Dr Naresh Kumar of NDRI and Dr Ravikrishnan Elangovan of IIT-Delhi worked hard on this project with their team members.

Dr Chauhan said mastitis was a disease of the udder and statistics indicate that 30-35 per cent of the dairy animals are suffering from clinical and sub-clinical mastitis in India which causes huge loss to the dairy industry.

He said the test was cost effective and had been validated. While addressing the scientists and industry personnel, entrepreneurs and start-ups, the Director said in over past 12 years, the NDRI had developed 156 technologies and of them 85 had been commercialised to dairy industries, animal feed manufacturers as well as entrepreneurs. The Director said the main purpose of this meet was to reduce the gap between research institute and industries.



## 1.12 lakh Namakkal farmers await new dairy plant : Tamilnadu

The announcement of establishing a Aavin dairy in Namakkal, Tamil Nadu has brought joy to 1.12 lakh dairy farmers in the district. The Tamilnadu government in February signed an MoU with National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to set up the plant. Sources said the plant would be built on 8 acres in the premises of the veterinary college at a cost of ₹70 crore. Chief Minister M K Stalin will lay the foundation stone for the project soon.



Rajendran said, "At present, 1.46 lakh litres of milk is procured daily and sent to the Salem plant. The number of Aavin units in the State went up to 25 from 17 during the AIADMK regime, and Namakkal was among the new eight. Namakkal recorded the highest procurement levels so far among the new units. Yet, the procured milk had to be transported to Salem as there is no facility to package it here. With this new plant, the cost of transportation will come down and profit of the unit will increase."

## Ernakulam dairy union seeks hike in milk price: Kerala

The Ernakulam Regional Cooperative Milk Producers' Union (ERCMPU) has sought a hike in milk price by at least ₹5 per litre to help dairy farmers, who are grappling with a steep rise in cattle feed prices.

ERCMPU chairman John Theruvath said he had submitted a memorandum to the State government to consider a hike in milk price. He expressed apprehension that the rise in prices of cattle feed would drive dairy farmers away from the sector.



Mr. Theruvath said the regional cooperative had been supporting farmers through measures like launch of low-cost milking machines with the support of the National Dairy Development Board. He added that there had been a shortage of milk procurement in the region as the summer season had peaked. The total milk procurement stands at around 3.44 lakh litre a day now, while the sale is around 4.28 lakh litres. There are 936 dairy cooperatives under the Ernakulam regional dairy cooperative.

## Cattle feed directly impact the quality of milk and your health

The impact of animal-source foods on the nutritional status of pregnant women has long been a debatable subject. We are fast progressing into a world full of packaged food products, the swelling demand for animal-source foods is met with an array of branded and non-branded products available on the supermarket shelves in a variety of price range.

In the present time, what's really worrisome is the authenticity of all the products available in the market for consumption. Even though most products suffice the FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India) guidelines, there is no corroboration of the source – the animals and their diet.



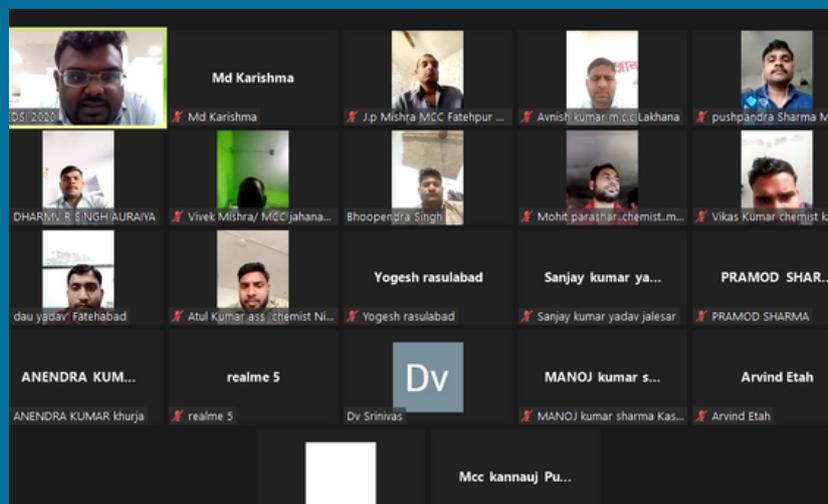
Livestock are fed low-quality agro-industrial by-products because that is cheaper. However, 'lesser the price, poorer the quality' – this sub-quality feed and fodder consumed by animals contains residues of pesticides used on the crops that straightaway transfers to the animal by-products, especially meats and eggs, further paving way into our plates.

Similar is the risk with milk. In India, milk is the most adulterated product. A study conducted by FSSAI across 33 Indian states found that milk had traces of detergent, chalk, caustic soda and even urea. While most of the adulterants are added at the time of processing and packaging, there is also a high risk of these toxic materials getting transferred from the animals to the consumers.

## CEDSI organised an Industrial Training Program for Ananda Dairy

Centre of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India (CEDSI) organised a two-day online industrial training program for the employees of Ananda Dairy. The training was given for the job role of milk tester to 20 employees of Ananda Dairy. The training was imparted in the Hindi language. The training program was designed to upskill the efficiency of the workforce and help the organization to become sustainable.

The 2-day training program covered the topics such as Milk Flow in organised system, Quality field, Milk testing at CC, Tanker testing, Inventory Management. The Training gave employees good exposure to the importance of operations in the field.





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