

R.S.Sodhi Elected as President of Indian Dairy Association



The Managing Director of Amul Federation, R S Sodhi, has been chosen to lead the Indian Dairy Association as its new president (IDA). IDA is the leading organization for the Indian dairy industry, which was founded in 1948.

Dairy cooperatives, multinational corporations, corporate entities, private institutions, educational institutions, and government and public sector units are just a few of the organizations that make up IDA.

In addition to leading the 18-member dairy organization that produces milk products under the Amul name, Sodhi currently serves on the board of the International Dairy Federation (IDF).

"It is an honour for me to represent the IDA because Dr. Varghese Kurien, my mentor, held the same post in the year 1964, and now I received the opportunity to head this organization after 58 years," Sodhi stated upon being elected as IDA President.

India ranks 1st in global milk production



India has achieved an incredible feat in milk production. India has ranked first in Global milk production, said the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, citing data from the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying and Department of Fisheries.

According to the same data, India contributes 23 per cent of global milk production. Milk production has increased significantly from 17 million tonnes (MT) in 1950-51 to 209.96 MT in 2020-21. .

Besides, the per capita availability of milk has also grown many fold, as per the data. "Per capita availability of milk is 427 g/day in 2020-2021, up from 130 g/day in 1950-51," said statistics shared by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Centre sanctioned one crore vaccines for foot and mouth disease : Karnataka Minister



Karnataka Animal Husbandry Minister Prabhu B Chavan, said that the Central Government has agreed to give one crore vaccines soon to the state to control foot and mouth disease under the National Cattle Mission Scheme.

Chavan said that he met the Union Animal Husbandry Minister Parashottam Rupala in New Delhi and requested him to urgently provide grants and necessary vaccines for programmes of the department such as livestock health and disease control.

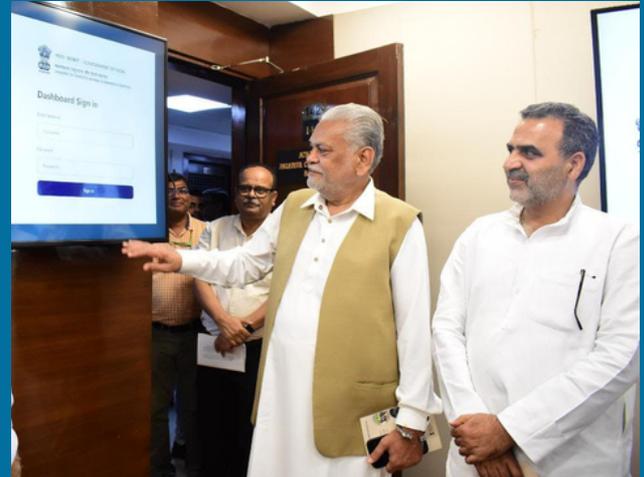
Chavan said that the cattle health issue needs an urgent priority and one crore vaccines should be given to the state. He also requested ₹51 crores under the National Livestock Scheme 2022-23 for the production of fodder.

The Karnataka Minister said that responding to the request, Rupala instructed the authorities to immediately provide vaccination against foot and mouth disease in cattle (cow, buffalo) twice a year.

Minister's Dashboard For Schemes Of The Department Of Animal Husbandry & Dairying Launched By Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister Of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry And Dairying

Shri Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying launched the Minister's dashboard for Animal Husbandry and Dairying in New Delhi in the presence of Dr Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, MoS, FAHD, Dr L Murugan, MoS, FAHD and I&B, and Shri Atul Chaturvedi, Secretary, FAHD.

Aligned to the spirit of creating an Aatma Nirbhar Bharat, and building a culture of 'good governance', this dashboard helps in monitoring, and reporting real-time scheme data, and in analysing the schemes' key performance indicators and parameters through a visual matrix. This dashboard encapsulates the different Agriculture & Allied schemes.



Equipped with the ability to track the status of individual scheme components, both at a pan-India, as well as state level, the Minister's Dashboard enables the scheme owners to make policy interventions and improve decision making basis the dynamic data that is captured and periodically refreshed on it. This dashboard is accessible by a web browser and is linked to real-time updating data sources using API's.

If LSD uncontrolled cow milk production, may be hit



The spread of lumpy skin disease (LSD) has started adversely impacting Gujarat's cow milk production. Home grown dairy giant Amul — has seen a procurement loss of 50,000 litres per day in milk procurement by its milk unions, especially in Kutch and Saurashtra. While the reduction is not alarming for now, it's feared that if the outbreak is not contained, the milk sector will face a big jolt next summer.

"Milk procurement has dipped by 50,000 litres per day (LPD) but as of now it is not much. The impact of this viral disease is seen more in Saurashtra and Kutch compared to north, central

and south Gujarat regions which have recorded only sporadic cases," said R S Sodhi, managing director of GCMMF.

Punjab animal husbandry, fisheries and dairy development minister Laljit Singh Bhullar said that the department had released Rs 76 lakh to all districts to procure medicines for prevention of lumpy skin disease among animals.

Following the outbreak of lumpy skin disease (LSD), the Animal Husbandry Department, Punjab has asked the Rural Development Department to discontinue cattle fairs as it may aggravate the situation. Every year, around 900 cattle fairs take place in the state.

Yili's Dairy Silicon Valley Comes to life

Dairy production hubs rarely if ever invoke thoughts of sci-fi like buildings and technology, but Chinese dairy products manufacturer Yili has more than succeeded in turning its conglomerate of production and farming facilities into an awe-inspiring destination.

Based in Hohhot, the Global Smart Manufacturing Industrial Park took three years to complete and forms part of a wider complex called the Yili Future Intelligence and Health Valley - nicknamed the Dairy Silicon Valley.



The hub benefits from a host of technological innovations - from smart manufacturing to various levels of automation that replace farm workers. And it's not all business, either - schools, hospitals, cultural and tourist destinations and residential buildings have also opened on site, integrating 'industrial and urban functions through an eco-friendly approach,' as Yili explained.

Yili itself has four facilities - liquid milk and powder production bases, the Chilechuan Ecological Intelligent Pasture, and the Yili Intelligent Manufacturing Experience Center. The largest of the four is the 'intelligent pasture' - a 750-hectare land for a herd of 12,000 cows. Deployed are a number of technologies such as genetic testing and embryo transplantation, while real-time monitoring and management is optimized through big-data technology.

Aavin to enter packaged water business



The Minister for Dairy Development, S.M. Nasar, said that Aavin will soon launch its own brand of mineral water. These will be produced at 25 of Aavin dairies and three of its skimmed milk powder plants.

The Minister told that all the dairies had RO plants. "These plants run only for a few hours a day. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has directed us to conduct trials," he said.

Mr. Nasar pointed out that the other State governments had their own mineral water brands and cited the brand of the Puducherry government. "They make about 15,000 bottles in one shift," he said.

He said the branded mineral water would bring additional income to the 25 unions attached to the Tamil Nadu Cooperative Milk Federation. "Our brand is known for its quality and we make about 250 products," he said.

Karnataka government signs MoU with Meesho to empower 2,500 self-help groups

The Karnataka government has announced on Friday that a memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed between Sanjeevini – KSRLPS (Karnataka State Rural Livelihood Promotion Society) and e-commerce firm Meesho to empower 2,500 self-help groups in the state.

Chief Minister Bommai also said that schemes for self-employment of women will be identified in every gram panchayat and asked them to prepare a Detailed Project Report(DPR) soon. He also assured an assistance from the government of Karnataka in this regard. “The Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood is already providing assistance for self-employment to self-help groups in Karnataka under the ‘Elevate Scheme’ with the support of the Government of India.



The chief minister said he believed that this MoU will bring a huge difference in the lives of thousands of women across the state by making them self-reliant and being a part of the state's economy. Meesho is a Bengaluru-based e-commerce platform. The company had earlier partnered with Telangana's incubator ‘We Hub’ to promote women's entrepreneurship in Telangana.

58 airports covered under Krishi Udan 2.0 that provides air transportation for perishable farm produce



The Krishi Udan scheme provides air transportation and logistics support for perishable agri-produce and 58 airports have been covered under Krishi Udan 2.0 till now, according to the information given by Minister of State for Civil Aviation Gen (Dr) V K Singh in Lok Sabha.

Krishi Udan Scheme 2.0 was announced on 27 October 2021 enhancing the existing provisions, mainly focusing on transporting perishable food products from the hilly areas, North-Eastern States and tribal areas. For facilitating and incentivising the movement of agri-produce by air transportation, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) provides

a full waiver of Landing, Parking charges, Terminal Navigational Landing Charges (TNLC) and Route Navigation Facility Charges (RNFC) for Indian freighters and P2C (Passenger-to-Cargo) Aircraft primarily around 25 airports focusing on North Eastern, Hilly and Tribal region and 28 airports in other regions and areas.

Further, after evaluation of Krishi Udan 2.0, five more airports have been included, making it 58 airports. Currently, Prayagraj airport is included under Krishi Udan Scheme 2.0. All perishable commodities are covered under Krishi Udan Scheme in the country. The scheme assists farmers in transporting agricultural products so that it improves their value realisation.



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