

## SBI Signed MoU with Milma to Provide Financial Assistance to Dairy Farmers



The State Bank of India (SBI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Milma to fund dairy farmers' working capital needs. The agreement was signed here on Friday by SBI chief general manager (Thiruvananthapuram Circle) Venkata Ramana Bayireddy and Milma managing director Patil Suyog Subhashrao.

The agreement looks into collaboration and partnership opportunities for bank loans for dairy farmers, other dairy-related business activities, enterprises in the state through the Kisan Credit Card programme, other lending schemes of the bank, or governments for the purchase of cattle, animal husbandry, agri infrastructure, and other allied activities.

## Govt. Constitutes National Advisory Committee for Animal Husbandry & Dairying Sector



The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (FAHD), Government of India, has announced the formation of a National Advisory Committee for the Animal Husbandry and Dairying sector that includes several industry experts as well as business leaders.

The newly formed Committee will be chaired by Hon'ble Union Minister (FAHD), Parshottam Rupala, and co-chaired by Hon'ble MoSs (FAHD), Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan. The 48-member committee will meet once every quarter in a financial year to talk about, suggest, prescribe, and advise policies regarding the sectors

The committee includes eminent industry experts, government officials, farmers, and union leaders, to recommend, prescribe and advise policies relating to cattle & dairy development, feed and fodder, poultry, piggery, sheep, goat, animal health, other livestock, etc.

## Govt taking steps to fix post-production challenges in agri sector: Tomar



"Post-production in the agriculture sector is definitely a challenge and the government has taken many steps to build necessary infrastructure to address this issue by setting up of eNAM and other facilities" said, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar.

To address the post-production challenges, Tomar said the government has connected about 1,000 regulated wholesale mandis with electronic National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) so far, sanctioned Rs 9,500 crore for 13,000 projects under the Agri-Infra Fund, and encouraging setting up of farmer producer organisations (FPOs) besides promoting technologies like drones

He also said that there is a good market for organic products as their exports have risen. But farmers need to work on improving the quality and productivity to get better rates.

## Punjab vet varsity GADVASU produces first OPU IVF calf in state

Punjab's state vet varsity Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, (GADVASU) Ludhiana, its scientists have produced the state's first elite female Sahiwal calf using the transfer of embryo produced by ovum pick-up and in-vitro fertilization (OPU IVF) technique.

GADVASU vice-chancellor Dr Inderjeet Singh said that a team of scientists under Dr Narinder Singh and Gurjot Kaur Mavi achieved the feat. "So far, only a few labs have been able to standardise and successfully produce live calves using this technique in the country. The GADVASU scientists have established 37 pregnancies using OPU IVF embryos from Sahiwal cows which are due for calving in the coming time," said the varsity in a statement.



"In the present case, the eggs were collected from an elite Sahiwal cow having production potential of more than 4 thousand kg milk per lactation and sex sorted semen from high pedigreed Sahiwal bull was used for IVF. The embryos produced were implanted into the uterus of crossbred cows used as surrogate dams on day seven of estrous cycle resulting in the birth of elite Sahiwal calf after nine months, the calf is healthy and doing well," said the vice-chancellor.

Dr JPS Gill shared that the GADVASU has also successfully established pregnancies in buffaloes and exotic breeds of cattle like HF and Jersey using OPU IVF technique at university farm and at farmer's level

## Sikkim Government Unveils 'Beekeeping Farm' At Tarku; Intends to Boost Honey Productivity, Generate Local Employment



In an attempt to boost the honey productivity and generate local employment opportunities, the Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services (AH&VS) Department – Lok Nath Sharma inaugurated a Beekeeping Farm under the Nature Glory Beekeeping and Honey Mission at Middle Tarku.

Nature Glory Beekeeping Mission – Dr. Christopher Karki, emphasized that "Beekeeping is a growing market for honey and other products and if utilized smoothly beekeepers will have an opportunity to earn a steady income with its high value beehive products."

Lauding the remarkable endeavour, Sharma noted about the sustainable measures been implemented, and assured that the state government in collaboration with concerned department will assist in revamping the farm, explore its marketing opportunities.

Besides, Karki informed that this farm intends to promote apiculture in Sikkim, and transform the state into one of the largest apiculture centre in the North East region.

## GST on curd, buttermilk: Farmers, cooperatives fear price hike

The decision of the GST Council in its 47th Meeting held last week in Chandigarh to impose 5% GST on dairy items like “pre- packed, pre-labelled curd, lassi and buttermilk” and to increase GST on dairy machinery and milking machines from 12% to 18% has drawn criticism from farmers’ organisations and milk cooperatives. Various cooperatives are waiting for the notification of the Centre to take the next step, while farmers fear that the decision will result in an increase in the price of the by-products.

R.S. Sodhi, Managing Director, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd (GCMMF) (Amul) said they are waiting for the notification. “We do not have any clarity at the moment. News reports show that GST will be levied on curd and buttermilk. We are waiting for the notification,” he said, adding that the prices of both the products likely to rise if GST is imposed on them.

The increase in the GST on dairy machinery and milking machines will have a direct impact on the price of milk too. Pradeshik Cooperative Dairy Federation (PCDF) of Uttar Pradesh, the largest milk producing State in the country, will also meet soon to assess the impact of GST on the by-products and the machinery.



## Digital belts around neck to track fitness of cows



An Israeli technology is helping dairy farmers in India's milk cradle Anand know track the health of their animals in advance. Like fitness bands or trackers that are rage amongst health freaks these days, cows in the milkshed area of Anand are equipped with digital belts that are tied around their necks.

Based on the movement of the cows, the chip-enabled belts alert the owners as well as Amul Dairy's dedicated call centre in Anand if the bovine is likely to fall sick.

Telecom service providers are seeing a market in this segment as the belt relays information on mobile phones of farmers. A couple of them have already approached Amul Dairy which has

set a target of covering one lakh animals within the next one year.

Usually, when one sees a cow, you hardly realize that it's sick. But with this technology, an alert is sent on mobile phone if cow is likely to take ill in the next couple of days. The biggest advantage is that the farm owners get a notification when their animals is in silent heat (sexually receptive). It ensures that artificial insemination (AI) is done on time.

Amul Dairy's managing director Amit Vyas, said, "Like fit-bits in your hands help you know how the number of walking steps or pulse rate, this digital belts/ trackers help us know whether the animal is eating and drinking properly, whether it is moving or not. It also has data of when the animal got pregnant or had a miscarriage."

## Haryana govt to set up centre of excellence with Brazilian org for breed development of animals

Haryana will establish a Centre of Excellence for the development of animal breeds in collaboration with Brazil. This information was given by Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister, JP Dalal, in Brazil. He said that the Gir Association of Brazil has expressed willingness to import Murrah buffalo germplasm from the state through Haryana Livestock Development Board.

A delegation led by JP Dalal is on a visit to Brazil and in the city of Brasilia, the delegation met the President of the Gir Association, Professor Jose Fernando and his team members.



In Uberaba, Dalal held a meeting with the ABCZ and visited Alta Genetics, a state-of-the-art animal genomics company. They welcomed their interest in expanding cooperation for mutually beneficial partnerships in animal husbandry and allied sectors. Dalal also visited the Embrapa Animal Dairy (Embrapa Gado de Leite) Research Centre in Juiz de Fora and discussed areas of cooperation.

JP Dalal met Jean Marcel Fernandes, Secretary of Trade and International Relations, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supplies of Brazil and had very fruitful discussions. They agreed to further strengthen mutually beneficial ties in the areas of dairy development and cattle breed improvement, including exchange of information and experiences, technologies such as Embryo Transfer Technology (ETT) and In Vitro Fertilisation

## NDDB donates for cattle feed procurement in flood-hit Assam



National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) announced a donation of Rs 1.5 crore to meet the cattle feed requirement of 500 tonnes in flood-affected Assam.

NDDB-managed West Assam Milk Union (WAMUL) is being advised to use their supply network and coordinate with local authorities for seamless distribution of cattle feed, an official statement said.

"The impact of floods in Assam on both humans and livestock is beyond comprehension and a cause of great distress to so many of us even at this distance," NDDB Chairman Meenesh Shah said.

This contribution is symbolic of NDDB's deep commitment toward the unfortunate victims of the catastrophe, he added. Floods and landslides have claimed 159 lives in the state so far, with 29 lakh people still reeling under the impact of the deluge.

## Utkhand to focus on increasing production of goat milk products in 5 identified valleys

Covid-19 has triggered the need for goat products be it goat milk, cheese or curd as per the state's animal husbandry officials. To capitalise on this opportunity, the state has decided to convert its Someshwar in Almora, Pinder valley of Chamoli, Garud valley of Bageshwar, Agustmuni belt of Rudraprayag and Thalisen belt of Pauri into "goat valleys". The aim is to have homestays and livestock-related works in these valleys with a tourist-like experience that would bring people closer to the serenity of rural villages of the Himalayas.

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## Assam: Agreement Inked to Improve Livelihood of ST, Adivasi Community of Baksa & Udalguri District



The Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF) and Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) has inked the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to improve employment opportunities of Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Adivasi Communities, residing along Assam's Baksa and Udalguri Districts.

The agreement aims to implement 'Transforming the Lives of Bodoland Tribes' project, which intends to improve the socio-economic condition of some specific communities, residing along Bodoland region.

The project aims at increasing the income levels through livelihood development initiatives like improvement in land and water conditions with a rise in agriculture and off-farm

activities of the Scheduled Tribes (STs) and adivasis of Bodoland. It will also focus on enhancing the education levels of children through improved retention levels in schools and quality learning, better governance of local bodies, and enhanced capacities of community centres.

The project will work to encourage communities to increase their income through agricultural productivity, creation of water resources, irrigation infrastructure, livestock productivity, and other off-farm activities such as the promotion of handlooms.

## Dairy Farmer / Entrepreneur Training of Trainers – Program



**Date: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

### Required Qualification

Minimum Educational Qualification of the Trainer	Sector Specific Experience (in years)
Regular VLDA (Veterinary livestock development assistant)	3
Regular Diploma more than 15 months in veterinary /Animal Husbandary / Dairying	3
B. Sc Agriculture	2
B. V. Sc./ B Tech Dairy	0

### Benefits of ToT Program

- ▲ Orientation and alignment of trainers and assessors with NSQF
- ▲ Development of training delivery skills, best practices and assessment criteria's in trainers engaged in imparting skill training of dairy farmer job roles at skill development training centers
- ▲ Road map for a profitable dairy business with evolving technological skill needs, to further create community resource person making dairy a profitable enterprise.

### Registration Charges:

Model of ToT	Online Mode
ToT for a New Trainer	Rs. 8000/- per candidate

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