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Tamil Nadu govt raises milk procurement prices



The Tamil Nadu government has increased the procurement prices of milk for Aavin by Rs 3 per litre, from Rs 35 for cow milk and from Rs 44 for buffalo milk. Cow milk will be procured for Rs 38 and buffalo milk for Rs 47 from December 18. It will benefit close to four lakh dairy farmers, said the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation (TNCMPF).

Previously, the procurement prices were raised in November last year, but dairy farmers had been demanding further hike in procurement price citing the production cost involved.

The additional Rs 3 would be released to farmers as an incentive to encourage them to produce more milk and to continue to supply milk to Aavin, TNCMPF quoted chief minister M K Stalin as saying.

Aavin approximately procures 32.98 lakh litre of milk daily from 3.87 lakh dairy farmers and distributes 30 lakh litre in retail in the state.

MCD's first 'milk bank' plans to store mother's milk for future use



New Delhi's Municipal Corporation plans to establish the city's first municipal-run 'milk bank' at Swami Dayanand Hospital, aiming to aid infants facing feeding challenges or requiring ICU admission.

The lactation management unit will operate similar to a blood bank, storing mother's milk at low temperatures for future use. While the municipal commissioner provided limited details in the budget speech, a comprehensive proposal is expected from SDH. However, concerns arise regarding funding and manpower constraints, as storing milk demands cutting-edge technology and trained staff.

Despite reservations, the initiative could benefit infants who lost their mothers early. The ambitious project is part of MCD's diverse budget estimate of Rs 16,683.02 crore for 2024-25, covering initiatives like school construction, AI for civic monitoring, PPP-based testing labs, and a blood storage facility at Mata Gujri Hospital.

Milk record: Murrah buffalo wins tractor at Barnala fair



Haryana farmer Amit Dhanda's murrah buffalo, Sakshi, set a remarkable record at Punjab's Barnala district cattle fair, yielding an impressive 22.3 kg of milk over three days. Dhanda, from Mahalsara village in Hisar district, earned a tractor for Sakshi's achievement in the milk extraction competition at the Dhanaula fair.

Sakshi, born from the sperm of the renowned murrah bull Sultan, valued at Rs 21 crore in the Pushkar fair, showcases Dhanda's scientific approach to animal husbandry.

A junior engineer in the Haryana canal department, Dhanda diligently monitors his 14 buffaloes and two cows, recording temperatures every two hours and maintaining detailed charts of their fodder intake and water consumption.

Milma union to implement cattle insurance, schemes

Milma's Ernakulam Regional Cooperative Milk Producers' Union (ERCMPU) is pioneering a groundbreaking initiative in the dairy sector by implementing comprehensive cattle insurance and animal welfare schemes for over 1,000 farmers across Idukki, Kottayam, Thrissur, and Ernakulam districts.



The Rs 5 crore package includes insurance premium subsidies, veterinary services, mineral mix distribution, and telemedicine through WhatsApp. Under the scheme, doctors will visit dairy farmers' homes to provide medicine for ailing cows, with farmers contributing Rs 300 for the first insured cow and Rs 100 for subsequent cattle. ERCMPU will provide a subsidy of Rs 500 per cow for up to four, along with insurance cover for cattle suffering disability or death.

Insured cows will also receive mineral mixtures, and telemedicine via WhatsApp will offer solutions for less serious diseases, enhancing overall animal welfare. ERCMPU Chairman M T Jayan emphasized the scheme's importance in mitigating farmers' losses, complementing the existing Rs 15,000 ex gratia payment in case of cow deaths. The comprehensive insurance initiative was implemented on National Milk Day.

Homegrown benefit: Why 'desi' should be the catchword for India's dairy sector



In a noteworthy shift, dairy farmers in various states across India are reconsidering their preference for exotic or foreign breeds due to challenges posed by rising temperatures. Arvind Kumar from Durgapura village in Uttar Pradesh and Surender Sahoo from Cuttack district in Odisha share similar experiences of health issues and reduced milk production with their Jersey cows in the summer heat. The trend signals a departure from the Union government's promotion of high-yielding exotic breeds since the 1970s under Operation Flood.

According to a white paper by NITI Aayog, India has become the world leader in milk production, contributing 24% to global output. However, Livestock Census data analysis reveals only a modest 10% increase in indigenous and nondescript cows compared to a substantial 76% rise in exotic or crossbred cows between 2007 and 2019.

A field survey by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) interviewed over 20 dairy farmers from eight states, revealing a growing consensus that exotic breeds, adapted to temperate climates, struggle in India's heat and humidity. Indigenous breeds like Gujarat's Gir and Assam's Lakhimi are gaining favor for their adaptability to local weather conditions, having been integral to Indian agriculture for centuries.

Farmers cite difficulties in managing the health of exotic cows during summers, including challenges in impregnating them for lactation. The economic burden and practical challenges associated with exotic breeds are prompting farmers to opt for indigenous cattle, signaling a significant shift in the dairy sector's dynamics.

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“The Centre of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India (CEDSI)” an autonomous institution working under the aegis of the Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, to help the empowerment and betterment of Livelihood of farmers, wage workers, and other stakeholders in the Dairy value chain.

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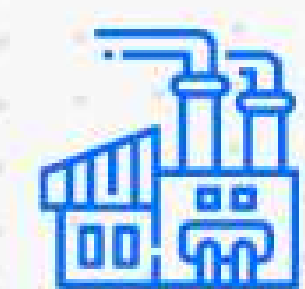


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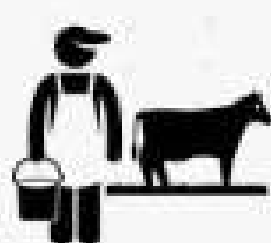
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