

MC launches drive against illegal dairies in twin cities



The Municipal Corporation, Yamunanagar-Jagadhri (MC), has started a drive against unauthorised dairies in the twin cities. The authorities have issued challans to five dairy owners for throwing cow dung in drains and disposing of garbage in the open.

The MC also warned that if they did not shift their dairies from residential areas to dairy complexes, they would initiate the sealing process against unauthorised dairies.

The action came on the directions of Municipal Commissioner Ayush Sinha and Additional Municipal Commissioner Dheeraj Kumar.

Two MC teams carried out the drive against illegal dairies in Zone-I, which falls under the Jagadhri jurisdiction and Zone-II in Yamunanagar

A team of the Town and Country Planning Department carried out a demolition drive in an unauthorised colony, spread over two acres, in Mumidi village of Yamunanagar. The team demolished three damp-proof course and three earthen roads in the colony. DTP DR Pachisia said Veterinary Surgeon Dr Vijay Chaudhari was appointed as duty magistrate.

New dairy farmer-friendly bill: Annual welfare fund cap set at 500L



In a significant move aimed at supporting dairy farmers across the state, the Kerala government has taken a stride towards inclusivity by expanding the Dairy Farmers Welfare Fund. The new provision, introduced through the Kerala Dairy Farmers Welfare Amendment Bill 2023, will now encompass all dairy farmers associated with self-help groups (SHGs), regardless of their milk production volume. This announcement brings cheers to the dairy farming community and is set to benefit over 8 lakh dairy farmers associated with 3350 SHGs.

Traditionally, only dairy farmers who supplied a minimum of 500 liters of milk annually were eligible for inclusion in the welfare fund. However, this limitation has been discarded, ensuring that the benefits of the fund reach every dairy farmer who contributes to the state's dairy industry.

The amendment, currently being reviewed by the Assembly Subject Committee, is expected to receive widespread support for its emphasis on inclusivity and support for a larger section of the dairy farming community.

NDRI organises National Workshop on Genome Editing Technologies in livestock



"Technologies in Livestock" was organised at ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal. A total of 43 participants from several institutions across the country. NDRI Director Dheer Singh said that genome editing has emerged as a ground-breaking technology that enables the targeted modification of animal genetics to produce desired traits.

The objective of this national workshop was to provide a comprehensive platform for technical and scientific exchange, fostering the enhancement of skills and knowledge among students, researchers, and scientists.

Led by Prof. Wilfried A. Kues and supported by experts like A.K. Rawat and Dheer Singh, the workshop emphasized genome editing's importance in livestock enhancement, disease management, and innovation. Its success stemmed from empowering participants with advanced skills, fueling scientific growth and addressing human-animal development challenges

Union Minister Parshottam Rupala visits Purabi Dairy plant in Guwahati

Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala visited West Assam Milk Producers' Cooperative Union Ltd. (WAMUL-Purabi Dairy) at Guwahati on Thursday. The Minister reviewed the status of activities currently being done by WAMUL, besides taking stock of its future plans.



The minister was apprised of the progress made by WAMUL under the management leadership of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).

He appreciated the efforts put in by NDDB and the milk union. During the presentation made by the Managing Director, WAMUL, the Minister emphasised fodder and silage-making activities and the utilisation of paddy straw. He further said that activities such as manure management and beekeeping are playing important roles in enhancing the livelihood of dairy farmers through additional economic benefits.

He suggested expediting the procurement of slurry from the biogas project beneficiaries. During the review meeting, the Minister was apprised of the commissioning works of the Purabi Dairy expansion project of WAMUL under APART. He also reviewed the current status of the implementation of the Assam Dairy Development Plan (ADDP) to be implemented by the newly formed joint venture- North East Dairy and Foods Limited.

The Minister extended his best wishes to WAMUL for its future endeavours.

The review meeting was attended by Manish Thakur, Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Dept., and S Regupathi, Executive Director, NDDB besides other senior officials from Assam government, NDDB and WAMUL.

DFC cuts milk travel time from Gujarat to NCR by 37%

Dedicated freight corridor has brought Delhi National Capital Region closer to the dairy co-operatives of Gujarat, emerging as both faster and economical conduit for milk transport. The DFCCIL has been transporting milk trucks in Delhi NCR since June this year.



"With the operationalisation of Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) from New Dadri (in UP) to Sanand (near Ahmedabad in Gujarat), the transportation of milk tank wagons has benefitted significantly with faster speeds. Consequently, the transit time has been slashed drastically ensuring efficient and reliable movement of essential commodities," DFCCIL said in a release.

"The transit time for Millennium (Milk) trains for Banas Dairy from DFC New Palanpur station/Gujarat to Palwal in Haryana (covering a distance of approximately 855 km) has been reduced to 14.49 hours from the previous 23.29 hours on the Indian railways alignment," the release said.

This has resulted in a whopping 37.23% reduction in travel time in the month of July 2023. "Now the Milk trains originate from New Palanpur (WDFC) and run on WDFC upto New Prithla in Haryana. From here, these then move on to Indian Railways alignment before terminating at Hind Terminals Multi Modal Logistics Park in Palwal," DFCCIL said.

A large portion of Delhi National Capital Region (NCR) milk requirements is fulfilled from dairy plants located in the state of Gujarat. 35 lakh litres of milk is supplied daily by Banas & Mehsana dairy among others around Palanpur area. "Indian Railway undertakes transportation of milk through efficient deployment of Rail Milk tanks in a dedicated circuit between Palanpur' Gujarat and Delhi NCR area," it said.

Prices of toned, full-cream milk rose 9-10% in June 2023 compared to 2022



In line with the latest government data, the prices of toned and full-cream milk have recorded a slight upsurge of 9% and 10% respectively in June 2023 compared to the same period last year. The data was disclosed by the Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister, Parshottam Rupala, in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha.

Rupala emphasized that despite this year's uptick, the price of milk across the nation has not experienced any drastic increases over the past three years. The information was sourced from the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), indicating a relatively stable pricing trend over this period.

In a subsequent move, Mother Dairy, a prominent player in the dairy industry, announced a forthcoming hike in milk prices. Effective from the following Tuesday, the prices of full-cream, toned, and double-toned milk variants are set to rise by Rs 2 per litre in the National Capital Region (NCR). This step is presumably influenced by the evolving dynamics of supply and demand.

Breaking down the figures for June 2023, the price of toned milk reached Rs 51.6 per litre, marking an increase of 8.86% compared to Rs 47.4 per litre in June 2022. Similarly, the cost of full-cream milk escalated by 9.86% in June 2023, reaching Rs 64.6 per litre from Rs 58.8 per litre during the same period the previous year.

Minister Rupala highlighted that the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) under the Government of India doesn't regulate the procurement and sale prices of milk within the country. Instead, the prices are determined by cooperative and private dairies, taking into account factors such as production costs and prevailing market forces.

Empowering Women Entrepreneurs: Solar Innovation Fuels Livelihoods in India

In the bustling vicinity of Om Shakti Garage, an auto repair shop just outside Bengaluru, a heartwarming transformation is underway. Yallama, a transgender woman hailing from Raichur, Karnataka, has defied adversities to establish herself as an entrepreneur in the traditionally male-dominated domain. From living on the streets after being cast away at five, Yallama's journey led her to master mechanics in Bengaluru, where she initiated her garage. However, it was Selco Foundation's intervention that brought a solar-powered twist, invigorating her business with uninterrupted energy access. With a solar-equipped workshop, Yallama's productivity soared, enabling her to expand her services from two-wheelers to an impressive tally of five to eight per day.



India's pursuit of 500 GW non-fossil electricity by 2030 is witnessing remarkable solar growth, nearly doubling renewable energy capacity in five years to 131 GW. Women, often unseen yet industrious, are increasingly benefiting from solar-driven empowerment. Solar capacity, constituting 54% of total renewables, is transforming livelihoods. According to Powering Livelihoods, over 71% of early adopters of clean tech livelihood tools in India are women. Disha Agarwal from the Council on Energy, Environment, and Water emphasizes the importance of decentralized solar applications, underlining how women are pivotal in India's solar journey.

Amidst these advancements, Yallama's story shines as a testament to the transformative power of solar innovation, propelling women towards economic autonomy and challenging societal norms.

CEDSI conducted a specialized 2-day Re-Fresher Training Program designed for Milk Procurement Functionaries of Lactalis - Prabhat Dairy.

The Center of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India (CEDSI) orchestrated a two-day advanced training program, partnering with Lactalis - Prabhat Dairy. Held in Srirampur, Maharashtra on August 17th and 18th, the initiative aimed to enhance the capabilities of milk procurement officers. With participation from 25 employees responsible for facilitating milk procurement, the training concentrated on elevating efficiency and ensuring high-quality milk production through improved hygiene practices. This collaborative effort underscores the industry's commitment to upgrading skills and standards, bridging theory with practical application for sustainable growth in the dairy sector.



CEDSI and Reliance Foundation Collaborate to Empower Dairy Extension Workers Through Comprehensive Training

In partnership with the Reliance Foundation, the Center of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India (CEDSI) orchestrated a comprehensive three-day training program for Dairy Extension Workers in Kamareddy, Telangana. The program, held from August 16th to 18th, engaged 30 participants and was conducted entirely in the regional language. This immersive initiative provided participants with practical exposure and insights tailored to their roles. By combining forces with the Reliance Foundation, CEDSI facilitated a skill-enhancing platform that empowered dairy professionals, aligning theory with hands-on application and fostering regional growth in the dairy sector.



CEDSI is Empowering Dairy Farmer Entrepreneurs under PMKVY-RPL umbrella

Under the umbrella of PMKVY-RPL, an upskilling training program for Dairy Farmer Entrepreneurs is currently in progress. Facilitated by the Centre of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India (CEDSI) with Agriculture Skills Council of India (ASCI), this program is actively taking place at Telangana's Mulukanoor Women's Cooperative Dairy. Program commenced on August 14th, delivered in the local language, is being conducted in three batches for a total of 80 farmers. This endeavor aims to enhance the capabilities of dairy farmers, nurturing entrepreneurship, and amplifying the dairy sector's growth prospects.



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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.

CEDSI Membership will provide a unique platform for the industry leaders, policymakers, development practitioners, dairy scientists, researchers, students, and farmers to debate and discuss the issues of imminent importance to the dairy industry.

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Skill Training Programme for Farmers/ Students/ Entrepreneurs

- Dairy Farmer/ Entrepreneur
- Dairy Farm Supervisor
- Dairy Worker
- Animal Health Worker
- Artificial Insemination Technician
- Veterinary Field Assistant
- Veterinary Clinical Assistant
- Calf Rearing
- Farm Equipment Technician
- Dairy farm Economics and Management
- Industry Aligned Certification Programs (Unemployed Youth and Students)

FPO Oriented Training Programs

- FPO Member Orientation on Product Technology and Processes.
- FPO Market Linkage
- FPO Governance
- FPO Accounting

Flagship Skill Training Programme for Dairy Corporates and Cooperatives

- Chilling Plant Technician
- Bulk Milk Cooler Operator
- Village Level Milk Collection Centre Supervisor
- Milk Tester
- Green-house Gases Mitigation
- Milk Quality Assurance
- Milk Delivery Boy
- Milk Procurement & Input Supervisor
- Waste Management In Dairy Industry
- Feed And Fodder Management
- Clean Milk Production
- Decision Support System/ Data Analytics