

Milk plant inaugurated in Mandi, Himachal Pradesh



H.P. Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur inaugurated a new Milkfed Plant of over 50,000 litres capacity at Chakkar in the Balh area of Mandi district. It has been constructed at a cost of Rs 16.32 crore.

He said the plant would process milk in a semi-automatic way and provide a facility for the procurement of more milk from dairy farmers.

Thakur, while addressing a public meeting at Chakkar, said that the HP Milkfed collected about 395 lakh litres of milk from 47,295 farmers during 2021-22 and Rs 110.56 crore was paid to them. "Milk is one of the most important sources of income for the farmers of the state.

He said, "Another milk processing plant of 50,000 litres capacity is under construction at Duttanagar and 70 per cent work on it has been completed. This plant will facilitate thousands of farmers of Mandi, Kullu and other districts."

Andhra Pradesh: Creating awareness on residue-free milk production among farmers need of the hour, says CM



Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has said that the concept of organic milk should be promoted in the State.

"Milk and eggs are given to children. There should not be any chemical residues as it may affect their health. Besides, setting up a research centre through Amul can be explored," he said while chairing a review meeting of Animal Husbandry Department.

The Chief Minister said that the excess use of pesticides and chemicals in cultivation was reaching the cattle through feed. "Chemical residues are found in milk. Creating awareness on residue-free milk production among farmers is necessary," he said.

The Chief Minister said that a 'Cattle Doctor' concept should be developed in the lines of the 'soil doctor' and 'family doctor'. The cattle doctor should update the health card for the animals annually and create awareness on cattle feed among farmers.

Amit Shah to Inaugurate Dairy Cooperative Conclave in Gangtok



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah is likely to inaugurate a daylong dairy cooperative conclave of the eastern and northeastern zones in Sikkim on October 7. The conclave is being organised by the National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India (NCDFI).

NCDFI Chairman Mangal Jit Rai said taking inspiration from PM Narendra Modi's Digital India initiatives, the NCDFI has launched an online marketplace called "NCDFI eMarket" to provide transparent and fair dealings to trade bulk commodities to the member dairy cooperatives with the patronage of the National Dairy Development Board.

He said in 2021-22, the NCDFI coordinated the supply of milk and milk products worth Rs 1,406 crore under institutional sale and facilitated the sale of 4.37 crore frozen semen doses (FSDs) valued at Rs 84 crore. Rai said the NCDFI concluded the overall trade worth Rs 4,815 crore on NCDFI eMarket through various auctions on the platform.

Aavin to hike milk-processing capacity by 7 lakh litres per day

Nearly two years after being proposed, the milk-processing capacity of Tamil Nadu Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation (TNCMPF) plants in Chennai, Tiruvarur, and Cuddalore are set to be augmented by 7 Lakh Litres Per Day (LLPD).

TNCMPF, better known as Aavin, also plans to build new dairies at Salem and Chengalpattu, among other places, to further raise its milk-handling capacity by 12-13 LLPD, said dairy development officials. This would widen Aavin's milk-distribution network within and outside the State. Aavin procures about 42 LLPD of milk. In comparison, the State-owned brands Nandhini (Karnataka) and Amul (Gujarat) procure 85 LLPD and 215 LLPD respectively.



If everything goes as planned, Aavin's milk-handling capacity will rise from 42 to 56 LLPD and market share from 19% to 25% in a few years. The milk-handling capacity of Madhavaram dairy, one of Aavin's oldest, is to be upgraded from 4.5 to 10 LLPD. The dairy is also set to get expandable provisions to enhance the capacity to 15 LLPD. In addition, new Aavin dairies are to be built in Tiruvarur and Cuddalore with milk-handling capacities of one lakh and 50,000 litres per day respectively.

China's Dairy Imports Slow along with Economy



China's dairy imports have slowed amid rolling Covid lockdowns and a weakening economy that has many analysts slashing their 2022 and 2023 economic growth estimates for the country.

"For now, China remains married to its zero Covid strategy, which has resulted in sweeping lockdowns in major metropolitan centers, and that has blunted economic recovery," said Monica Ganley, analyst. "China's weakening economy along with suspected large stockpiles of milk powders will likely continue to slow dairy imports."

China's dairy imports remained weak in August across most categories, according to data from Trade Data Monitor. Year-over-year milk powder imports have fallen every month since February in China, and August was no exception. However, the drop was most severe for whole milk powder (WMP), most of which is sourced from New Zealand.

WMP imports fell 59.5% to 66 million pounds compared to the same month last year. Skim milk powder (SMP) imports dropped a more modest 2.4% but climbed 20.4% compared to the prior month. Imports of fluid milk and cream and cheese were also down by 40.1% and 10%, respectively, compared to the prior year.

17,292 women benefited from the CM land scheme in Himachal Pradesh

As many as 17,292 persons have been benefited by Mukhya Mantri Ek Bigha Yojna (MMEBY) launched by the state government with an objective of strengthening the economy of rural women and self-help groups by connecting them with livelihood activities and an amount of Rs 41.87 crore has been spent under the scheme.

People of the rural areas are being encouraged for kitchen gardening under this scheme in convergence with MGNREGA and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.



Women of self-help groups across the state have started kitchen gardening and cultivation of cash crops through MMEBY and selling produce in the open market. These self-help groups are making good profits.

Works like land development, nursery production, fruit and vegetable plantation, construction of vermicompost pit and Azola pit, construction of irrigation, water harvesting structures and cowsheds are also being done under MMEBY, said a spokesperson of the state government.

Crop share in India's Agri fell in FY20 from FY12: Govt



The share of crops in India's agriculture fell to 55.5% in 2019-20 from 62.4% in 2011-12, said the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

In a report on state-wise and item-wise value of output from agriculture, forestry and fishing year: 2011-12 to 2019-20, the ministry said that agriculture, forestry and fishing accounted for 18.3% of the gross value added (GVA) at current basic prices in 2019-20 from 18.5% in FY12 but the share of this sector in overall

GVA of the country is showing a "fluctuating trend over the years". It was 17.6% in FY19 and 18.6 % in FY14.

"'Cereals' and 'fruits and vegetables' (two largest groups of crops) together accounted for more than 52% of sector in 2011-12, and increased to 55% in 2019-20," the ministry said. The gross value output (GVO) of cereals, at Rs 336.4 thousand crore, was highest among all the crop-groups in 2011-12. However, in 2019-20, GVO of 'fruits and vegetables' was Rs 383.3 thousand crore, about Rs 6,000 crore higher than that of cereals, according to the report.

Worldwide as of 2019, the country had the largest herds of buffaloes, goats and ranked second in cattle, sheep and seventh in chicken population," the ministry said, adding that it is the largest producer of milk; third in production of eggs and fifth in production of meat. During this period, the output of milk, meat and eggs, and fishing and aquaculture also increased.

Sid's Farm Recognized as 'Best Agri Start-up of Telangana' at MANAGE-Samunnati Agri-Startup Awards 2022

Sid's Farm, a premium D2C dairy brand based out of Telangana, was recognized and felicitated as the 'Best Agri Start-up' of Telangana. This honor was bestowed on the company at a well-attended awards ceremony organized under the aegis of The National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), in association with Samunnati, India's major open-agri network of smallholder farmers.

Dr Kishore Indukuri, Founder, Sid's Farm received the award on behalf of his organization from Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, MoS, Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, GoI. The MANAGE-Samunnati Agri-Startup Awards recognize impact-driven agriculture and Agri-Tech start-ups dedicated to rebuilding the agriculture development ecosystem and to supporting farmers through technological innovations.



Sid's Farm is a premium dairy brand based in Telangana. Established in 2013, the brand has been revolutionizing the concept of pure, healthy, adulterant-free milk and milk products. Their range of products includes skim milk, whole buffalo's milk, whole cow's milk, cow's ghee, cow's butter, buffalo's butter, buffalo's ghee, cow's curd, buffalo's curd, and paneer.

CEDSI Organized a Training & Capacity Building Program in association with ITC for AI Technicians in Sehore, M.P

CEDSI was empanelled as a knowledge partner for Project Sunehra Kal, An ITC initiative for livelihood development and socio-economic upliftment. CEDSI in collaboration with BAIF organised a capacity-building program for AI technicians who are self-employed. The week long program was organised in Sehore M.P



Dairying & Sustainable Development Goals

Centre of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India (CEDSI) helps the empowerment and betterment of Livelihood for farmers, wage workers, and other stakeholders in the Dairy & allied sector value chain. We have taken this initiative to aware all the stakeholders on how working in dairy sector would bring real change. Every week we shall publish about how each goal is associated with dairy & livestock and is bringing holistic sustainable development for all. This is the 4th article in the series.

Goal 4 : Quality Education

The right to quality education is a human right by the united nations. Sustainable Development Goal 4 aims to “ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all”.

Livestock perfect partner for SDG 4

Livestock is both direct and indirect links with the SDG plays between livestock and education. Consumption of animal-source foods (ASFs), such as meat, milk and eggs, can improve children’s cognitive and physical development as well as school attendance and performance. In addition, livestock provides income to poor rural households which they can use to pay for school fees, uniforms and schooling materials.

The links between livestock and education are key to sustainable livestock development and to poverty reduction. If the efficiency of livestock production systems is improved (e.g. through improved livestock practices and management), the children of poor, livestock dependent households can be freed from child labour and gain better access to education. The negative impact of livestock management can often lead to the involvement of school going children in the livestock-related activities and hence leading to reduce in attendance at school and access to opportunities. The increased under-nutrition remains a problem in many developing countries, these deficiencies increasing the risks of blindness, mental retardation and early death. Children suffering from undernourishment can perform less well at school due not only to the damage to their basic cognitive capacity in infancy, but also to

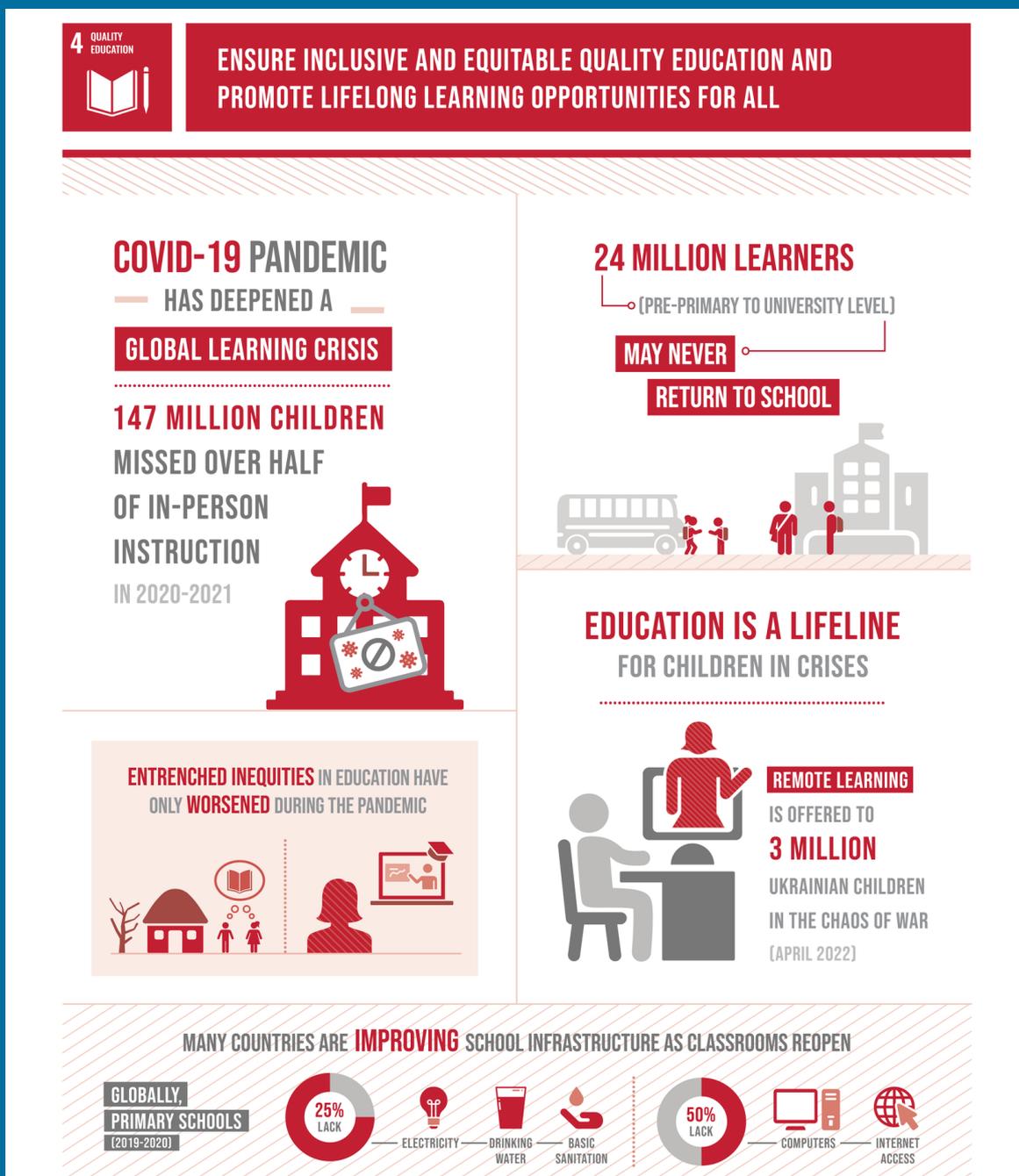


continuing hunger, which limits their ability to concentrate. Evidence suggests that the inclusion of adequate amounts of foods of animal origin in the diets of schoolchildren can add much-needed diversity and sustains and improves cognitive performance, micronutrient status, growth, physical activity and academic achievement. School feeding programs such as mid-day meal scheme is inculcated in the course to correct protein malnutrition among primary school students. Livestock can act as a buffer in tough days as they can be sold to pay for school fees.

Conclusion :

Goal 4 promotes inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels. Consumption of ASFs improves children’s cognitive and physical development as well as school attendance and performance. In addition, livestock provide income to poor households to pay for schooling. School feeding programmes that include ASF products can help provide proper nutrition to undernourished children.

Partner with CEDSI to Implement social development projects in alignment with SDG Goals





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