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## Indian NDDB Chairman Appointed to IDF Board, Boosting Global Dairy Industry



Dr. Meenesh Shah, Chairman and Managing Director of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), has been appointed to the Board of the International Dairy Federation (IDF) during the IDF General Assembly held on October 15. In his response, Dr. Shah expressed gratitude for the trust placed in him by IDF delegates and underscored the significance of having an Indian representative on the IDF Board. India's substantial contribution of over 23 percent to global milk production makes this appointment crucial in ensuring a more inclusive and effective global dairy industry.

Dr. Shah emphasized that this position will enable the representation of the millions of dairy farmers within India's smallholder-based dairy system on the global stage and facilitate the development of policies, frameworks, systems, and processes that benefit the industry.

Dr. Shah's longstanding involvement with IDF in various capacities has been pivotal in raising awareness about India's distinctive smallholder-based dairy system at international forums. He also holds the role of Member Secretary of the Indian National Committee and is a member of the Standing Committee on Dairy Policy and Economics. This appointment is expected to contribute significantly to the advancement of the global dairy sector.

## Hi-tech milk processing plant proposed in Kangra district of Himachal



Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said a state-of-the-art milk processing plant is proposed at Dagwar in the Kangra district. The plant will be constructed at a cost of about Rs. 226 crore and various milk products will be produced there. Modern technology will be used in other plants as well, he said. He said this while launching the new dairy products of Himachal Pradesh State Milk Producers Federation Limited (MILKFED) ahead of the festive season here on Friday.

It includes gift packs, wedding bhaji and sugar-free sweets. These new gift packs will be available in three-size packaging, priced at Rs. 620, Rs. 1000 and Rs. 1500 respectively and will be available at all MILKFED sales centers and district headquarters. The chief minister directed the MILKFED to bring its products as per the requirement of the market and ensured that the state government would provide all possible assistance in producing quality products.

The Congress party in its manifesto has promised to buy cow milk at Rs. 80 per kg and buffalo milk at Rs. 100 per kg from the farmers, for which the Milkfed plant is being modernized, he maintained.

## Interest-Free Loan Scheme Worth Rs 2 Crores to Aid 10,000 Southern Dairy Farmers



In the Annual General Body Meeting of the Thiruvananthapuram Regional Cooperative Milk Producers Union (TRCMPU), a substantial budget of Rs 2,853 crores was adopted, encompassing both capital and revenue expenditures. Notably, Rs 2 crores have been allocated to offset the interest on loans acquired by dairy farmers in the southern districts. These loans, totaling Rs 10 crores, were obtained for establishing farms and procuring milch animals.

The interest-free loan scheme is expected to have a positive impact on approximately 10,000 dairy farmers hailing from Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, and Alappuzha districts. TRCMPU's Administrative Convener, Shri N. Bhasurangan, announced this development during the 37th annual general body meeting held at the RDR Convention Centre. The meeting highlighted the success of TRCMPU's initiatives, such as the silage project and mobile veterinary clinics, which have garnered strong support from dairy farmers. Plans are underway to expand these schemes further with government support to benefit all dairy farmers in the region.

## Rahuri Semen Station in Maharashtra Achieves Top Ranking in Government Audit

In a notable recognition, the Rahuri Semen Station in Maharashtra, operated by the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), has been lauded by the Indian government as the nation's foremost semen station. This distinction comes following an extensive Technical Audit report conducted by the Central Monitoring Unit (CMU) for the year 2022-23. The audit evaluated 55 semen stations across the country, with Rahuri Semen Station standing out with a remarkable score of 97, highlighting its commitment to quality, animal genetics, and health and safety standards.



Notably, the Animal Breeding Centre Salon, another NDDB station located in Uttar Pradesh, earned a commendable "A" ranking with a score of 95. In total, nine semen stations achieved a score of 90 or higher under Grade A, showcasing their dedication to maintaining high standards.

Dr. Meenesh Shah, Chairman of NDDB and the National Dairy Services (NDS), expressed immense pride in this achievement, attributing it to the tireless efforts of dedicated teams of veterinary experts and scientists. He emphasized the importance of their work in enhancing the productivity of milch animals and promoting the genetics of indigenous breeds.

The NDS stations, which collectively house close to 1800 high genetic merit bulls representing 35 different breeds, played a crucial role in selling over 5.2 crore doses during the evaluation period of 2022-23. Additionally, these stations are actively engaged in in vivo and in vitro embryo production and transfers, further contributing to advancements in the dairy sector.

## Tamil Nadu Dairy Minister Advocates Collaborative Solutions for Sustainable Refrigeration at REFCOLD



The 6th edition of REFCOLD India, a prominent exhibition and conference focusing on refrigeration and cold chain technologies in South Asia, concluded successfully at the Chennai Trade Centre. This event, organized in partnership between the Indian Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ISHRAE) and Informa Markets, witnessed discussions on the significance of refrigeration for a sustainable future.

T. Mano Thangaraj, the Minister of Milk and Dairy Development, emphasized the vital role refrigeration plays in urban life, addressing climate change and pollution concerns. He noted that refrigeration has revolutionized fisheries, ensured food supplies through cold chains, and revitalized the dairy industry. Thangaraj stressed the need for ongoing development in refrigeration, particularly focusing on sustainability and energy efficiency.

Highlighting the importance of collaboration with global partners, especially as regions pursue ambitious economic goals, he spoke about addressing challenges faced by rural communities, such as fair pricing for agricultural products. Thangaraj also expressed the aim of making refrigeration benefits accessible to all, working towards a future where refrigeration technology reaches every corner.

Yogesh Thakkar, National President of ISHRAE, highlighted the potential of integrated cold chain solutions in transforming the perishables sector, enhancing logistics, value addition facilities, and promoting green refrigeration practices. Such initiatives can significantly improve efficiency throughout the supply chain, which is crucial in a country where agriculture employs a majority of the population.

## Purvanchal to Welcome Veterinary Science College in Gorakhpur, Emphasizing Net Zero Energy Consumption



In a significant development for Purvanchal, Uttar Pradesh, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has given the green light to the immediate construction of a Veterinary Science College in Gorakhpur. He has further mandated that the college be a net zero energy consumption facility, aligning with sustainability goals.

The college will be affiliated with the prestigious Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Veterinary Sciences University and Cow Research Institute in Mathura. Initially, the college will admit 100 students for an undergraduate course.

Chief Minister Adityanath underlined the crucial role this institution will play in providing essential veterinary services not only to Purvanchal but also to cattle herders from western Bihar and Nepal. He noted that ancient texts, such as the 'Shalihotra Samhita,' provide valuable insights into veterinary medicine, and there has been substantial modern progress in the field. Adityanath emphasized the enthusiasm among youth for research, study, and teaching in this domain.

The 80-acre college campus will be developed in three phases, with essential facilities like a hospital block, academic block, staff quarters, hostels, and research centers. The facility will provide medical services on the ground floor for large animals and on the first floor for smaller animals. In addition to poultry science and the dairy sector, the college will also focus on essential research in animal breed improvement.

Officials are tasked with collaborating with experts from the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Veterinary Sciences University and Cow Research Institute, Mathura, to ensure that the college is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and services.

## Educated Graduates Choose Dairy Farming Over Traditional Careers

In an inspiring turn of events, two highly educated individuals, MS Sangamesh and Rizwan Jahagirdar, have chosen to pursue careers in dairy farming, setting aside their B.Tech and MBA degrees. Hailing from Vijayapura, these graduates have found passion and purpose in the world of dairy.



Rizwan, a B.Tech engineer, and Sangamesh, an MBA graduate, have shifted gears from corporate careers to tending cows and buffaloes. Rizwan, who initially worked in various companies in Bengaluru and Delhi, decided to return to his home district, Vijayapura, after being asked to relocate abroad. He embarked on dairy farming with around 50 cows and buffaloes, supplying over 100 liters of milk to his customers and providing organic dung as manure for crops.

Sangamesh, after a career that led him to work in the solar power industry and companies in different cities, returned to Vijayapura during the COVID-19 pandemic. He commenced dairy farming, managing around 16 cattle, and supplies approximately 50 liters of milk daily.

Both graduates share a belief that educated individuals can make a significant impact in the dairy sector by introducing innovative ideas, ensuring sustainability, and indirectly generating employment. They encourage more educated youngsters to consider dairy farming as a viable and respectable occupation and suggest government support for local dairy farms to enhance income sources and bolster the agriculture sector.

CEDSI Advocacy Workshop Schedule

S.No	Stakeholders Workshop Type	Date	Venue
1	Co-operative Stakeholders workshop	3rd Nov	Chandigarh
2	Dairy Industry Workshop	6th Nov	Ludhiana
3	Dairy Farmers Workshop	8th Nov	Karnal   Kurukshetra
4	Dairy Farmers Workshop	15th Nov	GADVASU   PAU
5	Cattle Feed Workshop	18th Nov	Khanna   Ludhiana
6	Govt- NGOs	21st Nov	Chandigarh

Who are we

“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.



# Centre of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India

## Join Our Membership Drive and Get Benefits of

- ✓ Platform to interact with other members in the sector
- ✓ Networking opportunities with corporate leaders and government authorities
- ✓ Special costs of training in Skill India Certified Programmes
- ✓ Access to our Journal and Publications
- ✓ Expert advice in day-to-day operations and management of livestock /farm productions
- ✓ Free registration on the job portal and regular updates on job vacancies in the sector
- ✓ Recognize your organization with CEDSI Yearly Awards and Recognition
- ✓ Chance to reach across the board through advertising in our press releases, news and articles
- ✓ Consultative and advisory services to help members
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- ✓ Periodic e-newsletter for the latest news, govt. announcement and schemes in dairy sectors
- ✓ Updates on training programs of CEDSI and access to the training calendar

### Who Can Become a Member -



# CEDSI : Reviving Skills and Generating Livelihood

## 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