

Amul cooperative's group turnover rises 15 per cent to Rs 61,000 crore



Amul cooperative's group turnover rose 15 per cent year-on-year to Rs 61,000 crore in 2021-22, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF).

According to the federation, GCMMF and its constituent member unions registered a group turnover of Rs 61,000 crore in 2021-22, a rise of Rs 8,000 crore compared to Rs 53,000 crore in 2020-21.

"Over the last 12 years, our milk procurement has increased by a phenomenal 190 per cent. This impressive growth was a result of the high milk procurement price, which has increased by 143 per cent during this 12-year period, paid to our farmer-members. The highly remunerative price helped us retain farmers' interest in milk production, and better returns from dairying have motivated them to enhance their investments in this sector," R.S.Sodhi added.

"Govt is Aggressively Working to Provide Kisan Credit Cards to Livestock Farmers", Parshottam Rupala



Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala launched Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) projects and felicitated entrepreneurs during the AHIDF conclave.

In his address, Union Minister Parshottam Rupala highlighted the importance of the dairy and fisheries sector and congratulated the entrepreneurs for their contribution to the development of the sector and for generating employment for farmers and people in rural areas.

Rupala mentioned that the government is trying its best to double farmers' income and aggressively working to provide Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs) to livestock farmers. Rupala launched the Credit Guarantee Online Portal and virtually inaugurated 4 major plants set up with the support of AHIDF scheme

'Telangana to administer free Bluetongue disease vaccine to sheeps across state



For the first time in Telangana, a vaccine for the Bluetongue disease will be administered to sheep across the State free of cost. The Animal Husbandry Department has given instructions to its teams to visit villages and administer the vaccine, keeping in view the threat of diseases in the aftermath of floods and heavy rains to farm animals.

Bluetongue disease is a vector-borne viral disease affecting sheep, caused by virus carriers like *Culicoides* midges. According to Dr S Ramchander, Director, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Department, the virus mainly affects the tongue and mouth of sheep and causes fever in them with temperatures ranging between 104 and 107 degrees Fahrenheit. This year, 1.23 crore vials have been supplied to the department's field staff, to administer them across the entire State.

Govt wants entrepreneurs to explore ideas on converting agri-wastages into animal feed

Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala expressed concern over the rise in the cost of animal feed and said there is a need to think about the food security of animals as well.

He said there is a need to prepare some programme to ensure food security for animals. The minister was addressing a conference on the Rs 15,000 crore Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF).

"Like we have prepared programmes on food security for humans, we will have to think about food security of animals," Rupala said, while emphasising on the need to think about big programmes.

The minister highlighted that the FCI godowns are full with foodgrains and asserted that there is a need to prepare a programme to maintain the same level of food security for animals. He asked entrepreneurs to explore possibilities of converting agri-wastages including crop residues, into animal feed.

Earlier, Balyan expressed concern that the cost of animal feeds has risen but said the prices of milk and poultry products cannot be increased too much as this will hurt consumers' interest.



Goa to get 24-hour toll free number to report stray cattle



Goa Minister for animal husbandry and veterinary services Nilkanth Halarnkar said, "soon a 24X7 toll free helpline will be provided to report stray cattle. The department is in the process of having such a 24x7 facility. Presently, a call centre helpline number 8882254254 has been commenced from 9am to 5pm.

"Cattle purchased under the (animal husbandry department) scheme are ear tagged and owners can be identified easily. However, Most cattle left unattended by their owners do not have the ear tags provided by the department of animal

husbandry, thus making it difficult for the owners to be tracked", said minister Halarnkar in a reply tabled in the assembly.

He said though the government does not have its own gaushalas where stray cattle can be taken and cared for, six gaushalas have been identified in Goa which are being provided grant-in-aid under the Goa Stray Cattle Management Scheme.

Country's Pashu Sakhi training program 'A-HELP' to launch from Bhopal

The 'A-HELP' training programme is being jointly launched in the country from Bhopal on July 23 by the Union Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

Pashu Sakhi is a Community Animal care Service Provider (CASP) which will enable the last mile coverage in rural areas where clinical services for livestock is not available on time or expensive to afford for rural poor

In the programme, members of women self-help groups registered under State Rural Livelihood Mission, who are helping in various animal husbandry activities in the form of Pashu Sakhi will be trained as 'A-HELP' (Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production).

'A-HELP' are community based women activists, who assist veterinarians in local departmental activities help livestock farmers to take loans for entrepreneurship development, fill applications, mark the ear tagging of animals and register them in INAF portal and help with insurance etc. 'A-HELP' assistance can be taken in implementing of various schemes and in providing information to the farmers at grassroots level. This will also provide a source of income to 'A-HELP'.



Amul MD Urges Jammu-Kashmir Lieutenant Governor to Identify Land For Dairy Plant



Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Managing Director Rupinder Singh Sodhi on Sunday urged Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to identify a suitable land to set up a new dairy plant in the UT.

Sodhi, accompanied by JKMPCL CEO Gaurav Sharma, informed Sinha that the implementation of Integrated Dairy Development Scheme has resulted in registering a three-time increase in the milk procurement of JKMPCL in three years.

While briefing about the achievements made by Jammu and Kashmir Milk Producers Cooperative Limited, Sodhi informed that JKMPCL is eyeing to achieve Rs 325 crore worth turnover this year.

He apprised the Lt Governor on the efforts being made for increasing the milk production capacity in J-K and also shared the need for identifying a suitable land for developing the new dairy plant. It was informed that JKMPCL has paid Rs 350 crore in the last two years for milk procurement to small and marginal farmers, providing them better livelihood especially during Covid times, the spokesperson said.

Will ask traders not to pass on 5% GST on dairy products to consumers: Bommai

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who also heads the Group of Ministers (GoM) on GST rate rationalisation, announced here on Monday that he will ask traders not to pass on to consumers the 5 per cent GST levy on dairy items, packaged and branded food products.

The state-run KMF responded quickly and revised the rates of its products, including buttermilk, lassi and curd, though it did not fully roll back the prices. There was no information on others following the directions. It was KMF's decision to increase prices

of its products from Monday that came as a shock to consumers, who slammed the government on social networking sites.

Bommai was forced to control the damage by advising dealers not to pass on the tax burden on to customers, when there is a provision to get it reimbursed from the government.

"The 5 per cent GST is only on the packaged and branded food items which is not meant to be passed on to consumers as traders can get the duty paid reimbursed in the coming days. I will get instructions from the GST Council in this regard," he clarified.



Milkfed plans to tap Delhi market for Verka products



Punjab State Cooperative Milk Producers Federation Limited, popularly known as Milkfed, is planning to launch its Verka brand of milk and milk products in a big way in the national capital.

Milkfed is already selling 30,000 litres of milk in Delhi every day besides milk products, such as butter, cheese and milk powder, in varying quantities depending on the season of the year. The consumption is mainly limited to households, and the Punjab government now wants to tap the government sector, such as schools, childcare centres and government-run hospitals, it is learnt.

"We see a huge scope in this sector. We have mooted a proposal before Delhi's cooperation minister and we are hopeful of a positive development on this front," said a Milkfed officer, as according to him the proposal was at a "very premature stage. The Delhi government has reportedly asked Milkfed to approach it via the tendering process like other milk-supplying companies, but the federation wants to enter into an agreement by negotiating the rates.

The lumpy skin disease affecting cows in Rajasthan

Hundreds of cows infected with the lumpy skin disease have been dying in Rajasthan for the past couple of months. The highly contagious disease that can affect cows and buffaloes has been spreading like COVID for two months.

The rapid spread of the disease has put the Animal Husbandry Department on high alert since the death of the cows is directly affecting milk production, the brunt of which is faced by cattle herders. The disease has spread in Jaisalmer, Barmer, Jalore, Pali, Jodhpur and Bikaner districts.

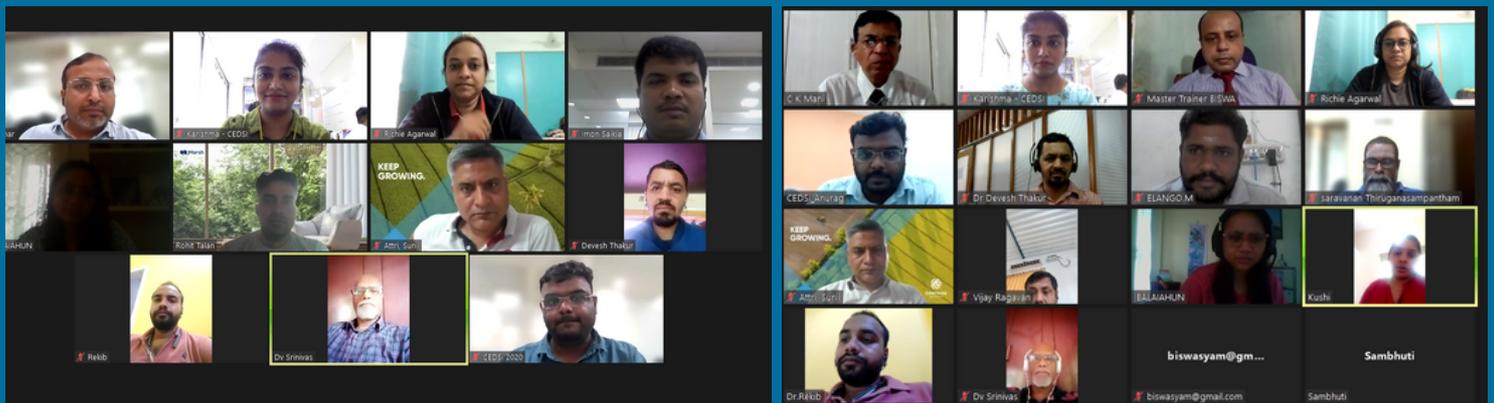


Lumpy skin disease (LSD) is a viral disease that infects cows and buffaloes. Although, the disease has relatively low mortality rate, it can create animal welfare issues and can lead to production losses. LSD spreads through insects like certain species of flies, mosquitoes and even ticks. It also spread via contaminated equipment and in some cases through animal-to-animal contact

Symptoms include fever, nodules on the skin that can also lead to death. LSD is more fatal to those animals that haven't been exposed to the virus before. The rapid spread of the disease has put the Animal Husbandry Department on high alert since the death of the cows is directly affecting milk production, the brunt of which is faced by cattle herders.

CEDSI in Collaboration with ASCI Organized TOT Program on the job role of Dairy Farmer/ Entrepreneur

Centre of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India (CEDSI) in collaboration with Agriculture Skill council of India (ASCI) organized online Training of Trainer (TOT) Program for the new trainers for the Job role of Dairy Farmer/Entrepreneur from 11th to 21st July 2022. Through the TOT program, the trainees learn practical skills, platform techniques, and confidence. Dairy Farmer/entrepreneur is a Road map for a profitable dairy business with evolving technological skills needs, to further create community resource person making dairy a profitable enterprise.





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