

## National Gopal Ratna Awards Honor Pioneers in Livestock and Dairy Sector



In a celebration of National Milk Day, Union Minister Parshottam Rupala will bestow the esteemed National Gopal Ratna Awards on November 26, 2023, at Guwahati's Veterinary College Ground. Recognizing excellence in the livestock and dairy domain, the awards span three categories: Best Dairy Farmer, Dairy Cooperative/Milk Producer Company/Farmer Producer Organization, and Artificial Insemination Technician.

The awards carry substantial cash prizes of Rs. 5 lakh, Rs. 3 lakh, and Rs. 2 lakh for the top three ranks, along with certificates and mementos.

The Department of Animal Husbandry has unveiled the winners after receiving 1770 applications through the online portal. Emphasizing the sector's vital role in India's economy, the event sheds light on the necessity of conserving indigenous bovine breeds for sustainable agricultural practices.

## Assam Government Targets Dairy Development with Three Mega Milk Plants



In a significant move towards dairy development, the Assam government has announced the identification of land in Cachar, Dibrugarh, and Jorhat for the establishment of three mega milk processing plants.

Each plant, with a capacity of one lakh litres per day, is part of the Assam Dairy Development Plan undertaken in collaboration with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB). Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Minister Atul Bora revealed plans for a total of six mega plants, with the remaining locations under consideration, including Biswanath.

The joint venture aims to bolster the dairy sector, contributing to local economies and ensuring a sustainable future for the state's dairy industry. This initiative aligns with broader agricultural strategies and emphasizes the government's commitment to fostering economic growth in Assam.

## GADVASU Initiates Punjab's First Dairy Innovation Hub with DST Backing



Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU) is set to pioneer Punjab's inaugural Dairy-Based Inclusive Technology Business Incubation (i-TBI) Centre, a groundbreaking initiative costing Rs 4.23 crore. The Department of Science and Technology (DST) is set to provide substantial financial support for this venture.

Dr Inderjeet Singh, Vice Chancellor of GADVASU, expressed excitement about this first-of-its-kind Dairy Innovation & Incubation Centre in the region, anticipating its role in fostering innovations, entrepreneurship, and self-employment in the livestock sector. He highlighted the center's alignment with the university's vision for a sustainable and technologically advanced dairy ecosystem.

Dr R S Sethi, Additional Director of Research-cum-Principal Investigator, detailed that the i-TBI initiative, spanning three years, aims to support educational institutions, idea-generators, innovators, and entrepreneurs, promoting self-employment and job creation in the dairy sector.

## Ambala's Ambitious Dairy Complex Project Gears Up for Launch as Site Plan Gets Nod

The long-pending plan to relocate dairies from residential areas in Ambala Sadar to Brahmin Majra village is poised to take off with the approval of the site plan for the ambitious dairy complex project. Initially identified in 2021, a 21-acre land parcel at Brahmin Majra village has been earmarked for the complex, which faced delays due to design-related concerns raised by Home Minister Anil Vij.



The project, in the works for two decades, aims to address the sanitation issues caused by open dumping of cow dung and streamline the dairy industry. The Municipal Council's survey identified over 900 dairies with 15,000 animals in Ambala Sadar. The proposed complex will include plots for dairy owners, a rest house, a biogas plant for efficient waste management, a solar power plant, and a chilling plant. Additionally, the complex will house a veterinary hospital and a warehouse for fodder storage.

Satinder Siwach, Ambala Cantonment SDM-cum-Ambala Sadar MC administrator, revealed that the consultant has submitted the site plan, pending some modifications. The final plan is expected in the coming week, and tender preparations will follow. Home and Health Minister Anil Vij expressed confidence in the project, emphasizing the construction of a state-of-the-art dairy complex for enhanced efficiency and sanitation.

## District Veterinary Centre in Kollam Unveils Outlet Showcasing Organic Bounty



In a commendable initiative to support local agriculture and provide residents with access to fresh, organic products, the District Veterinary Centre in Kollam has inaugurated a new outlet. This stall, a collaborative effort between the district panchayat and the hospital development committee, aims to promote goods from government, semi-government institutions, and local farmers.

Operating from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the outlet will feature a diverse array of offerings, including turkey meat and eggs from the Regional Poultry Farm, Kureepuzha, farm-fresh chicken eggs from the Chengannur Central Hatchery, duck meat, and eggs from the Niranam Duck Farm. Additionally, organic produce sourced directly from farmers, ghee from the government hi-tech dairy farm in Kuriyottumala, Milma milk and dairy products, Kepco chicken, and meat from the Meat Products of India Ltd (MPI) will be available.

Under the joint management of the district panchayat and the hospital development committee, the stall will also facilitate advance bookings. The product range extends to turmeric powder, black pepper, coconut oil, banana, mushroom products, honey, vegetable saplings, and seeds — all offered at government rates. The inauguration ceremony was graced by hospital head D. Shine Kumar, with staff council president Kiran Babu presiding over the event. This venture is poised not only to enhance local economic growth but also to provide the community with wholesome, locally-sourced alternatives.

## CEDSI Workshop Series

### CEDSI's 3rd Dairy Stakeholders Workshop of The Series Propels Industry Advancements held at GADVASU on 15th Nov

CEDSI's commitment to shaping the future of dairy farming was showcased at the 3rd Dairy Stakeholders Workshop hosted at GADVASU, Ludhiana on November 15th. A pivotal platform for industry leaders, the workshop addressed challenges, discussed innovative strategies, and emphasized collaboration and education for a sustainable dairy industry. Distinguished speakers included Sh. Jaswant Singh Kalsi, Dr. Harsev Singh, and Dr. R S Sethi, Dr. PK Singh, Ms. Punam Gupta, Ms Suman Dabas delivered insights on new product development, consumer preferences, sanitation, hygiene, and MOFPI schemes. This event highlighted CEDSI's dedication to fostering a collaborative vision for the dairy sector's sustainable and flourishing future.



## 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

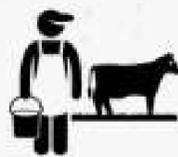
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## Skill Training Programme for Farmers/ Students/ Entrepreneurs

- 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