

TN dairy farmers to get 2 lakh jersey cows to keep milk flowing for Aavin



Aavin has decided to purchase two lakhs crossbred jersey milch cows from other states as part of its plan to facilitate loans to dairy farmers.

According to sources, each cow may cost between Rs 50,000 and Rs 70,000. The plan aims to strengthen Aavin's milk supplier network by bringing under its fold a dedicated set of dairy farmers who are committed to supplying milk to the state's milk cooperative. The initiative is expected to revive the dormant cooperative milk producers' societies while increasing Aavin's milk procurement capacity by a minimum of five to eight lakh litres per day over the next few years.

Aavin Milk Procurement dropped to 26 to 27 lakh litres a day since January this year, compared to its production of 37.38 lakhs, after a section of farmers sold milk to private dairies for a higher price of Rs 45 to Rs 48 a litre.

Amul identifies land in Telangana to set up milk processing plant



The Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd (GCMMF), the marketer of Amul, said it has identified land at Vargal near Hyderabad to set up a milk processing plant with a capacity of 5 lakh litres per day (LLPD).

The upcoming plant will be set up through one of the 18 GCMMF member dairy unions, Sabarkantha District Cooperative Milk Union (Sabar Dairy). 'Very soon we are going to set up a 5 lakh litres dairy plant at Vargal about 50 km from Hyderabad. A 25acre land is identified at the new industrial processing zone. This modern plant will process milk, ice cream, and other value added products," said Jayen Mehta, MD Amul. The procurement of milk will take place from the dairy producers of Telangana. In December 2021, Sabar Dairy signed an agreement with the Telangana government to set up the facility with an estimated investment of 500 crore.

Kisan Credit Card : Nationwide campaign launched to extend KCC facility



The Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala launched a nationwide AHDF KCC campaign for 2023-24.

The campaign is aimed to extend KCC facility to all small landless farmers engaged in animal husbandry and fisheries activities, the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying said in a statement.

The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying in association with Department of Financial Services is organizing various campaign since June 2020 for providing Kisan Credit Card facility to all eligible animal husbandry and fishery farmers. As a result, more than 27 lakh fresh KCCs were sanctioned to animal husbandry and fishery farmers thereby provided organizational credit facility to them to meet their working capital requirement.

India sets record foodgrain production target of 332 million tonnes for 2023-24



The Union agriculture ministry has set a target of a record 3,320 lakh tonnes (332 million tonnes) production of foodgrains for the year 2023-24 as against the latest estimate of 3,235 lakh tonnes produced the previous year.

Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated kharif-campaign", National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign 2023-24 on Wednesday. The objective of this conference was to review and assess the crop performance during the preceding crop seasons and fix crop-wise targets for the Kharif season.

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Target for the production of pulses has been fixed at 292.5 lakh tonnes compared to 278.1 lakh tonnes this year and oilseeds production will be increased from 400 lakh tonnes to 440 lakh tonnes in 2023-24. The target for millet production for 2023-24 has been set at 17 lakh tonnes from 159.1 lakh tonnes in 2022-23.

The government said its strategy would be to increase crop are through inter-cropping, crop diversification, and productivity enhancement by introducing higher-yield seeds and adopting suitable agronomic practices in low-yielding regions.

Shri Narendra Singh Tomar also inaugurates the Krishi MApper, an integrated app for Geospatial Data in Agriculture. Additional Secretary (Agriculture) and senior officers from DA&FW, ICAR and officers of different State Governments participated in the National Conference.

Aavin to float company to implement projects professionally

The Tamil Nadu Cooperative Milk Producers Federation, whose popular brand is Aavin, plans to float fully owned company that will implement projects in a professional manner, mobilise funds for its projects and assist farmers to set up dairies or farms.

Official sources explained that the company would be incorporated under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 and function in a project implementation mode. "We can take consultants on short term contracts for specific projects. It cannot be done in Aavin.

There are certain schemes that cooperatives cannot apply for. For instance, the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund. A Section 8 Company can apply for this fund. From time to time such schemes are introduced and when cooperatives cannot avail the funds, the company can step in," the official explained.

The Federation is presently framing the scope, structure including who will be its directors, its stakeholders and beneficiaries; and functionalities of the company. Another advantage with this mode is that the company can take loans for projects like setting up a dairy plant from commercial banks. The Central government will bear 3% of the interest in such cases.



Centre laments non-utilisation of fund by state animal husbandry departments; urges states to spend



The Centre rued that animal husbandry departments in state governments are not fully utilising central funds for development of this sector and urged them to spend money to implement projects.

Addressing an event to mark the 'World Veterinary Day', Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala stressed on registration of birth and death of livestock for having a real time data.

Rupla said the government conducts 'Livestock Census' regularly, but there is no provision currently for registration of birth and death similar to human beings. "This is a shortcoming in the animal sector," he said, and stressed on addressing this gap.

Livestock Census covers all domesticated animals and its headcounts for total 16 species of animals including cattle and buffalo. As per the census 2019, the total livestock population stood at 536.76 million in the country.

Speaking at the event, Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Sanjeev Kumar Balyan highlighted that the budget allocation of this ministry has increased in the last few years. An outlay of Rs 12,500 crore has been announced for tackling foot and mouth disease and brucellosis, he added.

Earlier, Rupala highlighted the importance of animal husbandry in India and said this profession must have started before farming activities. He noted that India is the largest milk producer in the world and the value of milk output is pegged at around Rs 9-9.5 lakh crore annually, higher than the values of wheat and rice combined. Talking about the challenges, Rupala said average productivity is still less and said efforts should be made to enhance it.

Rural livelihood mission turns UP women self-reliant

Scores of rural women who have turned entrepreneurs after joining the Uttar Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission are writing their own destiny with their abilities and hard work.

Today, over 1.27 lakh women associated with the rural livelihood mission are earning at least Rs 10,000 per month by engaging themselves in different enterprises. The deputy commissioner of self-employment, Dilip Sonkar said there are 10,635 self-help groups in Varanasi, of which the total number of women is 1,27,620. Among these, 72,862 women associated with the livelihood mission are strengthening the household economy by becoming entrepreneurs.



According to the official, women of self-help groups are given startup fund of Rs 2,500, revolving fund amounting Rs 15,000, and Rs as community investment fund. Women associated with the livelihood mission are engaged in agriculture, animal husbandry, tailoring, grocery, floriculture, powerloom, handicrafts, poultry farming, producing and selling many products like phenyl, washing powder at the schools and community health centres.

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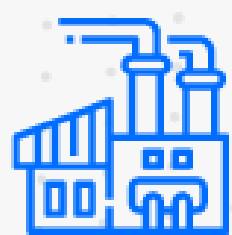


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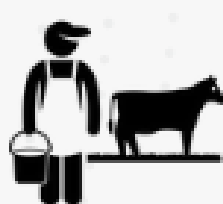
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