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GST on flavoured milk: Madras HC decision relies on SC ruling in Mohit Mineral case



In a significant ruling, the Madras High Court, responding to a petition by Parle Agro challenging flavoured milk's classification, drew on a Supreme Court precedent, asserting that GST Council recommendations aren't binding on the Union and states. Applying the principle of *noscitur a sociis*, the court specified that 'Beverage containing milk' refers exclusively to plant or seed-based milk, not dairy milk.

While classifying flavoured milk under GST tariff heading 0404, the court emphasized the need for a fresh government notification to amend the tax rate. Experts anticipate an appeal to the Supreme Court, recognizing the decision's importance for taxpayers in disputes. PwC India noted the judgment's significance in challenging tax demands based on GST Council discussions.

However, it highlighted the government's authority to implement such decisions through legal amendments. Raghavan Ramabadrn of Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan Attorneys welcomed the court's clarification, calling it a refreshing decision for the dairy industry, emphasizing the need for thorough analysis before adjusting tax positions.

Gov Reports Robust Growth in MGNREGA and Crop Insurance; Addresses LSD in Livestock



In a recent parliamentary update on December 5, 2023, Giriraj Singh, Union Minister of Rural Development, shared that the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) has generated a substantial 2,216 million persondays this year, indicating a notable increase from the previous fiscal year.

Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture, highlighted a significant surge in farmers' applications under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, growing by 33.4% and 41% year-on-year for 2022-23 and 2021-22, respectively. The Kharif 2023 season also witnessed a remarkable 28.9% growth in farmer applications and a 24% increase in insured area.

Additionally, Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, addressed the concern of Lumpy Skin Disease in livestock, reporting a total of 73,390 cases in 2023, with 16,302 currently active cases. The government continues its comprehensive approach in supporting the rural and dairy sectors.

NDDB Stall at GAF Highlights Efficacy of Ethno-veterinary Practices



Kerala's National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) emphasizes the efficient use of indigenous medicines for cattle at the ongoing Global Ayurveda Festival (GAF-2023). Promoting traditional ethno-veterinary practices aligns with NDDB's 'One Health' approach, advocating collaborative efforts for optimal health for people, animals, and the environment.

The stall educates farmers on herbal medicine benefits for cattle, aiding in disease prevention without resorting to antibiotics. The NDDB aims to enhance cattle wellness, ensuring safer milk for human consumption.

Recognizing Kerala's contributions, the stall details herb names and quantities for concoctions. NDDB Deputy Director Romy Jacob highlights the positive impact on human health and notes increased adoption of ethno-veterinary practices in dairy cooperatives nationwide.

Milk output up 4% to 230.58 million tonnes in 2022-23: Govt

India's milk production rose by 4 per cent to 230.58 million tonnes in 2022-23 while egg output increased by 7 per cent to 138.38 billion, the government said on Sunday. Meat production rose by 5 per cent to 9.77 million tonnes during 2022-23 over the previous year.



Union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Minister Parshottam Rupala released the Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2023 (milk, egg, meat and wool production 2022-23) at the National Milk Day event in Guwahati. Rupala informed that the total milk production in the country is estimated at 230.58 million tonnes during 2022-23, registering a growth of 3.83 per cent over the estimates of 2021-22.

In past, the annual growth rates were 6.47 per cent in 2018-19; 5.69 per cent in 2019-20; 5.81 per cent in 2020-21 and 5.77 per cent in 2021-22. Rupala stated that the highest milk-producing state during 2022-23 was Uttar Pradesh with a share of 15.72 per cent of total milk production followed by Rajasthan (14.44 per cent), Madhya Pradesh (8.73 per cent), Gujarat (7.49 per cent), and Andhra Pradesh (6.70 per cent). In terms of annual growth rate, Karnataka clocked the highest rate at 8.76 per cent followed by West Bengal (8.65 per cent) and Uttar Pradesh (6.99 per cent) over the previous year. Egg production has been estimated at 138.38 billion in 2022-23, up 33.31 per cent from 103.80 billion numbers in 2018-19. Egg output increased annually by 6.77 per cent in 2022-23 over 2021-22.

61st Network Planning Group Meeting under PM GatiShakti



The 61st Network Planning Group (NPG) meeting under the auspices of PM GatiShakti celebrated two years of the National Master Plan (NMP). Chaired by Smt. Sumita Dawra, Special Secretary (Logistics), DPIIT, the session reviewed the progress of mapping economic zones and 100 critical infrastructure projects. Over 60 officials from key Ministries participated, showcasing achievements like onboarding 39 Ministries, 36 States/UTs, and launching the 'Compendium of PM GatiShakti.'

The NMP, aiding identification and prioritization of crucial infrastructure projects, saw a budget allocation of Rs. 75,000 Crores in FY 2023-24. Special Secretary Dawra stressed on comprehensive planning and inclusive growth through over 1300 envisaged infrastructure projects.

Various Ministries reported significant advancements, highlighting the portal's efficacy in ensuring multimodality and last-mile connectivity. The PM GatiShakti initiative emerges as a vital catalyst for seamless economic activities and efficient logistics.

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.

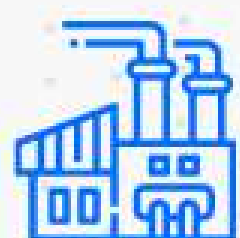


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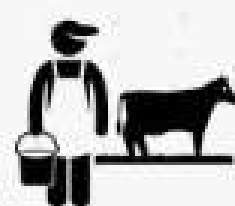
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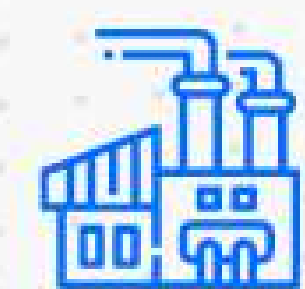


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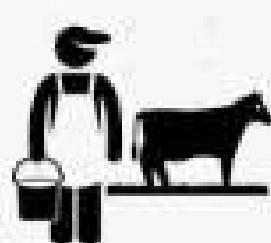
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CEDSI : Reviving Skills and Generating Livelihood

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