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Sikkim Government bans milk packages from other states; over quality issue



In view of the COVID-19 surge and to prevent deadly outcomes of this infection, the Sikkim Government has decided to temporarily ban the import of milk packages in pouches or milk cans from outside the state.

“As of now, such milk sources are not being regulated and monitored for quality assurance by the state of Sikkim including for its handling, processing, maintenance of cold chain. Further, the manual handling on the surface area of these milk pouches increase the chances of spreading of COVID-19,” – the notification further reads.

Applicable from January 19, the notification further adds, “In view of the safety of consumers in the state, the Government of Sikkim to temporarily refuse the entry of milk originating outside the state from private entities either raw or processed, which is packaged in pouches or in milk cans, for selling to consumers within Sikkim.”

Rs 40 cr outlay earmarked for Dairy, Sheep Units in tribal areas of Jammu and Kashmir



Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Jammu, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary convened a meeting to review the progress in various livelihood initiatives and formulation of a plan for the financial year 2022-23 in convergence with Animal and Sheep Husbandry Departments. Department has earmarked an outlay of Rs 40.00 Cr for dairy farms and sheep farms in tribal villages.

Milk Villages are being established at 17 locations under CSS and UT CaPEX, which will benefit more than 1500 families in gainful employment. The Milk Village scheme has been restructured by the adoption of the Integrated Dairy Development Scheme notified by the Animal Husbandry Department, Jammu, and Kashmir Government. The milk villages are coming up with a budget of Rs 15.00 Cr.

Amul Will Not Favour Udaan, JioMart Over Distributors, Says RS Sodhi



Amul has no desire to take the road HUL, ITC and others have. Two of India's largest fast moving consumer goods makers have launched direct-to-customer sales channels to boost sales during the Covid-19 pandemic as shoppers preferred the safety and convenience of online purchases and home delivery. It's simply not viable, says RS Sodhi, managing director of GCMF talking about building a direct-to-customer distribution channel like HUL and ITC Ltd. have.

The GCMF dabbled with this five years ago but came away disappointed. “We tried that (D2C) in Ahmedabad, but it is practically costlier,” adding the company didn't find this channel “commercially viable” in the long run. But Amul products are widely available through other online retailers such as Amazon, BigBasket or JioMart. Sodhi says e-commerce contributes 7-8% of total sales, same as modern trade. The hotel/restaurant/café channel brings in 10-11% and the rest is general trade and Amul Parlours.

Global Good Practices for Cooperatives: ICAAP and NCDC Join Hands

International Co-operative Alliance Asia and Pacific (ICAAP) President Dr. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav and NCUI President Dileep Sanghani on January 18 jointly released a policy recommendation handbook on SAHAKAR PRAGYA Good Practices for Cooperatives based on a 'Brain Storming Session on International Good Practices Platform for Cooperatives' conducted earlier by Laxmanrao Inamdar National Academy for Cooperative Research and Development (LINAC) of NCDC. It is expected to help cooperatives in India and abroad to innovate and adopt the best models not only to stay

competitive but also to distinguish themselves as successful commercial entities. MD NCDC Sundeep Nayak and National President Sahakar Bharati DN Thakur were also present at the function held at NCDC headquarters.

Speaking on the occasion, Yadav pointed out that "The cooperatives have inherent advantages in tackling the problems of poverty alleviation, food security, and employment generation—a path to self-reliance. This has also been reflected during the Covid-19 times.



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DBS Bank India partners with Stellapps to enable dairies to digitize value chain and reduce food waste

With food waste contributing to about 8-10% of the greenhouse gas emissions (acc. to the UN Environment Programme), it is critical to accelerate efforts to curtail the emissions from surplus food across the supply chain - from procurement to disposal. In line with this agenda, DBS Bank India has partnered with Stellapps, a leading dairy-tech startup. Stellapps is a one-stop dairy supply chain digitization service provider, which drives dairy productivity across the supply chain by providing insights around cattle monitoring, milk procurement, and cold chain management.



The Stellapps-DBS partnership will indirectly benefit 20,000 farmers at present and can help around 100,000 dairy farmers, as the collaboration grows. This aligns with DBS' commitment to supporting lives and livelihoods through better business and responsible financing.

Keeping in line with the Government of India's Digital India vision, this initiative will help digitally organize the highly fragmented dairy sector, where initial investment costs can prove to be a challenge when dairies are just embarking on their digital transformation journey. The Stellapps' digital network and DBS Bank will provide dairy farmers with the necessary access to funds required for digitalization.

Karnataka Milk Federation to seek CM nod to hike milk price

The Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) has proposed a hike of Rs 3 per litre in the price of milk, for which it will soon approach Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and seek the government's approval for it. During the annual general body meeting in Bengaluru on Thursday evening, 14 district milk unions urged the KMF to increase the price of milk by Rs 3 per litre, to make it Rs 40 per litre, as the prices of its 'Nandini' brand of milk is among the lowest in the country.



KMF Chairman and MLA Balachandra Jarkiholi on Friday said that the unions are demanding an increase of Rs 3 per litre and they want to pass it on to the farmers, who are facing difficulties. Jarkiholi said they will discuss the matter with the CM and then take a decision. Jarkiholi also informed that the KMF is coming up with a mega food park in Belagavi, as sweets and other products made at the units in Bengaluru take time to reach markets in Maharashtra and other places. The Nandini Milk Products (NMP) plant will come upon a 50-acre plot of land and will see an investment of Rs 300 crore.

From milk cake to noodles, Aavin introduces five new dairy products

State-owned Aavin on Wednesday introduced five new milk products including a payasam mix and premium milk cake. Chief Minister MK Stalin launched the milk products at the Secretariat in presence of ministers and officials. The milk cake is prepared using milk powder and Aavin ghee. Also, a healthy yogurt drink was introduced in mango and strawberry flavours. The CM also inaugurated a new mineral mixture plant in Hosur and an expanded cattle feed manufacturing plant in Erode.



Assam Govt to Set Up 4 State-of-the-Art Veterinary Hospitals



Assam government has agreed to open at least four new state-of-the-art veterinary hospitals in Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Tezpur and Golaghat to handle the state's stray and pet animal problems.

Chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma reviewed the status of the process with the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department on Wednesday and urged the department to provide the finest treatment and response to the health of stray and pet animals in the state. He further guaranteed that all departmental requirements will be met in this regard.

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