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Union home minister Amit Shah to inaugurate Ghasiyari Kalyan Yojana



- The Union home minister Amit Shah would inaugurate the ambitious Mukhya Mantri Ghasiyari Kalyan Yojana (MGKY) in Dehradun in the last days of October. In the first phase the scheme would be launched in four mountainous districts of Pauri, Rudraprayag, Almora and Champawat.
- Under the scheme nutritious fodder would be provided to the cattle owners with the help of cooperative committees.
- The cattle feed (Silage) in the vacuum pack bags of 25 – 30 kg would be provided to cattle rearers at concessional prices. The Silage has been prepared using green fodder, corn and dry fodder.
- The minister said that the feed would increase the milk output of the cattle by 15 to 20 per cent.

Two Female Calves Born Using Embryo Transplant Technology in Madhya Pradesh



- Researchers at the Nana Ji Deshmukh University of Veterinary Sciences, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, have successfully bred two female calves with the help of embryo transplant technology.
- Embryo transplant technology involves breeding cows using superior breed cattle's embryos and semen, which is then implanted into less productive cows.
- It is believed that this technology will revolutionize animal husbandry in India. "We brought some sick cows from the cowshed and, using the gene plasm of Sahiwal cow, performed an embryo transplant. As a result, two calves were born today," SP Mishra, Vice-Chancellor of the university, said.

Dairy farming kit scheme of Goa to get enhanced



- The scheme for tribal and schedule caste families in Goa, which provides for a dairy kit to encourage the communities to take up animal husbandry activities, is being enhanced with more items added to the kit.
- A file in this regard has been sent by the directorate of animal husbandry and veterinary services (AHVS) to the government and is pending for approval.
- "We have now enhanced the scheme. We want members of the communities to come forward and avail of the dairy kit subsidy. The scheme will be profitable for farmers after its revision." An AHVS official said.
- The total value of items which earlier did not exceed Rs. 5,000, will now have a capping of Rs. 30,000. The community will get 100% subsidy in this scheme.

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India's first IVF buffalo calf born in Gujarat

- For the first time in India, using the in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) technique, a calf was born to a buffalo from a breed named 'Banni' at a private farm in Gujarat's Somnath district.
- The country's first IVF buffalo calf was born out of six Banni IVF pregnancies that were established at the doorstep of the farmer, the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying said in a statement on Friday.
- The Ministry runs a scheme for livestock breeding through artificial insemination such as through IVF where a trained technician performs the technique on the buffalo.
- Artificial Insemination Training Institutes (AITI) operate under the umbrella of state government, cooperatives, National Dairy Development Board, NGOs and private agencies across the country.
- The National Livestock Policy lays a special emphasis on improving productivity of livestock through enhanced artificial insemination coverage, improving availability of high genetic merit disease-free makes for breeding and to creating an enabling environment for improving infrastructure supporting livestock production.



Lumpy skin disease: Blood serum of animals will be collected for research on the disease

A new disease is spreading rapidly among animals in Sant Kabirnagar district. This is known as lumpy skin disease. Due to being a virus-borne disease, no effective treatment has been found so far. Now blood serum of sick animals will be collected. Blood samples of infected animals will be sent to Indian Medical Research Center Bareilly every month. More than two dozen cows and buffaloes have been affected by this disease in the district.

Symptoms of illness

In lumpy skin disease, lumps are formed on the body of the animal. Later this lump splits and turns into a boil. Swelling and soreness in the feet. The animal stops eating. Along with extreme fever, there are blisters in the mouth. If the disease is frightening, there is a possibility of miscarriage of pregnant cow and buffalo. If the animal is not taken care of in time, it may even die.

Keep infected animal away

Not much is known about this disease. Therefore, as soon as it is known about this, separate the infected animal from other animals. The disease may be transmitted from animal to human. Therefore, feed the animals only by wearing gloves. It would be better if the person taking care of this animal should be separate from other members of the family. Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. OP Mishra said that the Pox virus is responsible for this disease.

Dairy-tech firm Stellapps raises \$18 million led by Dutch firm Nutreco

Stellapps Technologies Pvt. Ltd, an Internet of Things (IoT) firm operating in the dairy supply chain, said it has raised \$18 million in a Series C funding round led by Nutreco, a Dutch animal nutrition and aquaculture company.

Stellapps is a dairy digitisation service provider that helps clients in the dairy industry improve productivity and quality as well as provide traceability across the supply chain. The startup plans on using the funds to scale its traceability network and extend its digital footprint.

"We are on a mission to shift the Indian smallholder farmers into the agripreneur orbit by enhancing productivity, improving quality, and enabling traceability through our smartMoo solutions. The support and confidence of our investors allow us to actualize our vision to enhance farmer income and profitability through a combination of our technology solutions, farm inputs, and market linkages," Ranjith Mukundan, CEO of Stellapps, said.



Reliance Retail Completes Milkbasket Acquisition, Acquires 96.49% Stake

Continuing with its acquisition spree of consumer internet startups, Reliance Industries' subsidiary Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd has confirmed the acquisition of Milkbasket. The company revealed this during the announcement of Q2 FY22 financials results.

Without divulging the financial details of the transaction, the conglomerate said, "RRVL acquired 96.49% stake in Aaidea Solutions Private Limited (Milkbasket) during the quarter." In August, two RIL executives Nikhil K Chakrapani, chief financial officer (CFO) of Reliance Retail and Rajendra Kamath, CFO of Reliance Content Management, joined Milkbasket's board of directors as additional directors.

Milkbasket also was in talks with Bigbasket, Amazon, Swiggy, and others for investments. Founded in 2015 by Anant Goel, Ashish Goel, Anurag Jain and Yatish Talvadia, Milkbasket caters to household grocery needs in fruits & vegetables, dairy, bakery and more. Prior to the acquisition, the startup had raised \$38.5 Mn across 11 funding rounds. The startup that claims to deliver 130K households and offer 9,000 products, including vegetable, dairy, bakery, fruits is operational in Delhi NCR, Hyderabad, and Bengaluru.

Milma central union to lend a helping hand to dairy farmers

The Ernakulam Regional Cooperative Milk Producers' Union comprising the districts of Thrissur, Ernakulam, Kottayam and Idukki has decided to lend a helping hand to dairy farmers and primary milk cooperative societies hit by heavy rain and flooding in several areas of these districts.

Milma Ernakulam region Chairman John Theruvath said the union had decided to give an ex-gratia payment of Rs 25,000 to each of the families of the dairy farmers who lost their lives in rain-related calamities early this week. Farmers who lost cows that were not insured will be paid Rs 20,000 each. Those who had their cowsheds damaged in the rain and winds will get Rs 20,000 each. Farmers who had their cattle feed and automatic milk collection units damaged will get Rs 10000 each.



Asian Development Bank to provide \$100 million loan for agribusiness development in Maharashtra

- The Asian Development Bank will provide a USD 100 million (around Rs 749 crore) loan to promote agribusiness network to boost farm incomes and reduce food losses in Maharashtra.
- ADB will also provide a USD 500,000 technical assistance (TA) grant from its Technical Assistance Special Fund and USD 2 million from the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction on a grant basis to improve market linkages for FPOs.
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- The ADB loan will help provide financing opportunities for farmer producer organizations (FPOs) and value chain operators (VCOs) through matching grants and financial intermediation loans to support 300 subprojects, the finance ministry said in a release.
- The project will upgrade 16 existing post-harvest facilities and construct 3 new ones to provide individual farmers and FPOs clean, accessible, and sustainable crop storage and processing facilities.
- It will also build the capacity of FPOs and VCOs on value chain acceleration and post-harvest handling and management, especially those owned and led by women. The project is expected to benefit 200,000 farmers, the release said.



CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR DAIRY SKILLS IN INDIA

AN INITIATIVE OF AGRICULTURE SKILL COUNCIL OF INDIA



Advertisement for Empanelment of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)

The Centre of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India (CEDSI) is an initiative taken by Agriculture Skill Council of India which aims to ensure sustainability and profitability in the dairy sector through skilling and capacity building, policy advocacy, knowledge management and research. Towards This CEDSI works with stakeholders across the dairy ecosystem including dairy farmers, wage workers, dairy cooperatives and corporates, research, academia, and central and state governments. It strives to be positioned as an innovator and leader in the dairy skilling space across the globe, who undertakes and facilitates applied manpower research in the dairy sector, capacity development in the areas of skilling and provides policy inputs at the national and state level to strengthen skill upgradation.

CEDSI invites applications for the empanelment of (SMEs) on various domains in Dairy, Agriculture and Allied Sectors.

Details mentioned below -

Pay and Allowances: As per CEDSI norms, on availing of the services

Last Date to apply: October 30th, 2021

Application Fee: Free

Master Training Program: The selected candidates may have to undergo a Master Trainer Program

Master Trainer Program Fee: INR 1000 (Virtual Training)

Eligible candidates can apply online through the link - https://bit.ly/cedsi_sme

List of domain sectors -

S. No.	Subject	Sector
1	Livestock Production and Management	Animal Husbandry
2	Animal Nutrition	
3	Animal Breeding & Reproduction	
4	Fodder Production and Preservation	
5	Milk Productivity Enhancement	
6	Animal Health, Disease Prevention	
7	Milk Quality Assurance	Dairy Development
8	Clean Milk Production	
9	Milk Procurement/Transportation/Chilling	
10	Sales & Marketing of Milk and Milk Products	
11	Organization and Management of Producer Institution	Poultry
12	Poultry Production	
13	Poultry Marketing and Processing	Sustainable Dairying
14	Livestock GHG Emission and Mitigation	
15	Water Management in Dairy Sector	
16	Waste Management	Farm Management & Extension
17	Farm Management/Farm Economics and Accounting	
18	Meat Processing, Preservation Storage and Marketing	Meat Processing
19	Value Addition in Meat & Egg Processing	

Candidate must have the following requisites -

- Complete knowledge of Vocational Education, Skill Development ecosystem and its stakeholders.
- Overall sectoral and industry knowledgeability to analyze/collate demand, prepare a sustainable plan/models of skill programs/courses/work-study model and skilling framework and field implementation of the planned activity
- Candidates must not be blacklisted by MSDE/NSDA/NSDC/SSC/UGC or any other institution where he has worked in the past
- For further queries (if any) please write us at info@cedsi.in

General Instructions for Applicants (applying for Subject Matter Expert) -

- The Candidate must be a citizen of India.
- Candidates will update their qualifications, experience and other credentials on the CEDSI website/application as and when there is any change.
- All qualifications and experiences will be considered as a cutoff date and, applications will be sent for scrutiny.
- The candidates are advised to satisfy themselves about their eligibility before applying for an SME for a job role in a particular sector. A valid (SMEs) Certificate/Experience Certificate is a must along with other conditions laid down for qualification and experiences in Industry/Sector.
- The prescribed essential qualifications and experience are minimum and mere possession of the same does not entitle a candidate to be enrolled.
- CEDSI may conduct an interview or assessment test if required. No TA/DA shall be paid to the candidates for attending the interview/ assessment test.
- Applications not accompanied with necessary/required documents, self-attested copies of degrees/certificates/experience certificates issued by the competent authority shall be rejected.
- Candidates must regularly visit CEDSI website (www.CEDSI.in) for all the details and updates related to further processes.
- In case of any inadvertent mistake in the process of recruitment/selection, if detected at any stage even after the issue of empanelment order, CEDSI reserves the right to modify/withdraw/cancel any communication sent to the candidates.
- The initial period of empanelment will be for 2 years and can be extended further on the basis of performance and criteria for enrollment.
- CEDSI will engage the expert for training/consultancy/involvement in project implementation and compensation will be given accordingly. Mere empanelment will not be subject to any compensation

