

## Dairy, Milk Products and Other Pre-Packed Labelled Food items to Attract GST



Goods and Services Tax (GST) will now be levied on pre-packed and labelled food items like meat, fish, curd, paneer, and honey.

This comes after the GST Council headed by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, accepted the recommendations of a group of ministers from states on withdrawing exemptions with a view to rationalise the tax.

Meanwhile, pre-packed and labelled items including meat (except frozen), fish, curd, paneer, honey, dried leguminous vegetables, dried makhana, wheat and other cereals, wheat or meslin flour, jaggery, puffed rice (muri), all goods and organic manure and coir pith compost will now be charged with 5 per cent tax. Goods that are unpacked, unlabelled and unbranded will remain free from tax.

## Jharkhand: Sahibganj to become milk-producing hub



Jharkhand took a step towards becoming self-sufficient in milk production with the inauguration of a dairy plant at Sahibganj in Santhal Pargana region by chief minister Hemant Soren on 29th June.

The “high-tech” dairy plant at Mahadevganj in Sahibganj district has a production capacity of 50,000 litres of milk per day which can be increased to 1 lakh litres per day as and when required.

“It is our effort to make the state self-sufficient in milk production. The inauguration of the plant is a step in this direction,” said Chief Minister Hemant Soren after inaugurating the plant.

The state has to depend largely on Bihar State Milk Cooperative Federation Limited, which sells milk under the brand Sudha, to meet its need along with private milk suppliers. “The government has plans to come up with dairy plants in all the districts of the state,” said Soren.

## Ernakulam dairy unit to run fully on solar energy soon



The milk processing unit of the Ernakulam Regional Cooperative Milk Producers' Union is establishing a 2-MW solar farm using its facilities on its Thripunithura premises. Ernakulam dairy plant will be the first milk processing plant in the country to run fully on solar power, said John Theruvath, chairman of the regional milk cooperative.

He added that the Thripunithura milk processing unit had around 37 acres of space. The solar panels will be mounted on existing roofs in parking area, the main building, and the canteen. There will also be floating solar panels utilising a waterbody on the premises.

The 2-MW plant will be able to generate 28 lakh units of energy per year, which will meet the requirement of its entire operation. Besides, the solar farm will generate around 53,000 units of energy in surplus, which will be fed into the Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) grid.

## AMUL AI SUCCESS: Bovines impregnated in 1st Attempt

Amul dairy was successful in its trials to turn bovines pregnant in first attempt of an artificial insemination (AI) cycle achieved grand success. This has been done through an indigenously developed technology under the cattle breeding project at the Keira District Co-operative Milk Producers Union Limited's Ode semen station.

The standard conception rate of AI across the country currently stands at 3:1 as just one out of three attempts to turn the bovine pregnant achieves success. In the past couple of years, Amul dairy has already improved conception rate of animals to 2:1.

Traditionally, in the Indian dairy sector, the AI workers thaw the frozen semen (which is at minus 196 degrees) to the required room temperature by using water that is often boiled in normal utensils and then inseminating the animal in heat with it.

"This (boiling water in utensils) was not hygienic and done in scientific manner. So, we first developed thawing machines which can bring the frozen semen to the required temperature — 37 degrees within seconds. Our AI workers are equipped with 1,200 thawing machines that are connected to their bike's battery, therefore not requiring any power supply. This step helped us improve the conception rate to 2:1," said Amul dairy's managing director, Amit vyas.



## Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying launches One Health pilot project in Karnataka



Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, has launched an initiative to bring stakeholders from animal, human, and environmental health together on a single platform to address challenges using a One-Health approach.

The One-Health Framework undertaking project is being implemented in the states of Karnataka and Uttarakhand by the DAHD in collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) as an implementation partner.

One-Health is a multi-sectoral approach that takes into consideration human, animal and environment health and the interconnectivity and interdependence of these three elements. The idea becomes especially important after the COVID pandemic for taking holistic approach.

This pilot project will help institutionalise the coordination among various sectors thereby making data sharing and reporting procedure on disease outbreaks feasible. It will facilitate, strengthen, and integrate the laboratories in a network. The project aims to support the development of a targeted surveillance plan and integrate data with the digital architecture of the National Digital Livestock Mission (NDLM). The pilot in Karnataka will form the basis for development of the One Health Framework for India."

## Goa Dairy runs short of milk, stops producing two variants

Reeling under a severe shortage of milk, Goa Dairy has halted the production of two variants. Of its four variants, the dairy has been marketing only two products— standardised milk 'Shakti' and toned milk under the brand name 'Cold Gold' in the Goan retail market.

The standardised milk 'Shakti' (green packets comprising 4.5% fat and 8.5% SNF) has a sale of around 36,000 litres and another 12,000 litres of Cold Gold' (blue packets with 3% fat and 8.5% SNF).

Goa has been producing around 48,000 litres of milk per day, Goa Dairy used to procure the balance quota of milk from the neighbouring states of Maharashtra and Karnataka. However, since the dairy has stopped procuring milk from these states, it has been compelled to stop production of two popular variants - Full Cream (orange packets with 6% fat and 9% SNF), and Cow Milk (red packets with 3.5% fat and 8.5% SNF).

The period from February to July is considered a lean season for milk production in Goa as the procurement dips, which then witnesses a rise in the flush season.



## Cabinet approves computerisation of primary agricultural credit societies



The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved computerisation of 63,000 functional Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) over 5 years with a total budget outlay of Rs 2,516 cr. The Centre's share would be Rs 1,528 crore. The PACS constitute the lowest tier of the three- tier short-term cooperative credit (STCC) with 130 million farmers as its members.

The government said the majority of PACS have so far not been computerised and still functioning manually resulting in inefficiency and trust deficit. "In some of the states, standalone and partial computerisation of PACS has been done. There is no uniformity in the software being used by them and they are not interconnected. It has been proposed to computerise all the PACS throughout the country and bring them on a common platform at national level and have a common accounting system for their day-to-day business," the statement added.

"PACS account for 41 % (3.01 Cr. farmers) of the KCC loans given by all entities in the country and 95 % of these KCC loans (2.95 Cr. farmers) through PACS are to the small and marginal farmers. The other two tiers viz. State Cooperative Banks (StCBs) and District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) have already been automated by the NABARD and brought on Common Banking Software (CBS)," said the Cabinet.

## Dairy Farmer / Entrepreneur Training of Trainers – Program



Date: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### Required Qualification

Minimum Educational Qualification of the Trainer	Sector Specific Experience (in years)
Regular VLDA (Veterinary livestock development assistant)	3
Regular Diploma more than 15 months in veterinary /Animal Husbandary / Dairying	3
B. Sc Agriculture	2
B. V. Sc./ B Tech Dairy	0

### Benefits of ToT Program

- ▲ Orientation and alignment of trainers and assessors with NSQF
- ▲ Development of training delivery skills, best practices and assessment criteria's in trainers engaged in imparting skill training of dairy farmer job roles at skill development training centers
- ▲ Road map for a profitable dairy business with evolving technological skill needs, to further create community resource person making dairy a profitable enterprise.

### Registration Charges:

Model of ToT	Online Mode
ToT for a New Trainer	Rs. 8000/- per candidate

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