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GCMMF Launches Affordable Sagar Skimmed Milk Nationwide



On January 8, the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd. (GCMMF) unveiled Sagar Skimmed Milk across India, expanding its legacy in the milk powder and ghee segment. Targeting changing consumer preferences, Jayen Mehta, GCMMF's Managing Director, emphasized the affordability of Sagar Skimmed Milk for both the economic segment and health-conscious consumers.

Available in various sizes, from 250 ml (₹10) to a 6-liter pack for Hotels, Restaurants, and Caterers (HoReCa), the fat-free milk aims to meet diverse consumer needs.

GCMMF, with 98 dairy plants nationwide and a daily milk-handling capacity of 50 million liters, continues its commitment to processing, packing, and storing quality milk products.

eFeed Receives INR 25 Lakhs Grant to Boost Livestock Management



Indian startup eFeed has received a grant of INR 25 lakhs from the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) Pusa, a crucial step in its mission to revolutionize precision animal management and feed practices.

Founded in December 2020, eFeed focuses on enhancing the well-being, productivity, and environmental sustainability of the cattle industry. The grant will aid eFeed's efforts to empower farmers with cost-effective solutions, including its innovative Nutrition Calculator.

The startup's commitment to sustainable livestock practices aligns with its broader goal of ensuring a secure and sustainable food supply for the growing population. eFeed's collaboration with ICAR Pusa signifies a significant milestone in its mission to impact agriculture, animal welfare, and food security positively.

Assam Dairy Couple to Shine at Republic Day Parade in New Delhi



A couple from Assam's Bhojkuchiapara village, Juna Tamuli Bannan and Pranab Kumar Barman, is set to participate in the Republic Day parade in New Delhi, representing the state's 36-member team.

Recognized for their remarkable contribution to dairy farming, the duo began their journey in 2004 with a single cow, overcoming poverty through hard work and veterinary guidance.

Utilizing Artificial Insemination (AI) for cross-breeding, their success story mirrors the positive impact of dairy farming initiatives in Bajali, transforming lives, addressing unemployment, and contributing to increased milk production. Juna's dedication has earned her prestigious awards, highlighting the transformative power of such endeavors.

Punjab Animal Husbandry Dept Issues Advisory to Safeguard Livestock Amidst Harsh Winter Conditions

The Punjab Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, and Fisheries Minister, S. Gurmeet Singh Khudian, have directed the Animal Husbandry department to issue a crucial advisory to protect livestock from the bone-chilling cold and severe winds prevailing in the region. The advisory emphasizes the potential hazards the extreme weather poses to livestock and their owners.



In response to the advisory, livestock farmers are urged to take proactive measures such as using 'pallis' made from gunny bags in animal sheds, keeping animals indoors during extreme cold, and closely monitoring their well-being. The advisory suggests monitoring shed temperatures, using heaters if necessary, and maintaining dry and clean bedding to prevent increased ammonia fumes. Farmers are also advised to avoid grazing cattle in extreme cold, ensuring a larger feed storage, and meeting additional nutritional needs for the very young, old, or sick animals during winter.

Furthermore, access to fresh water and immediate veterinary treatment for pregnant and vulnerable animals is highlighted in the advisory, underscoring the importance of safeguarding livestock health and well-being during adverse winter conditions.

FARD -NDDDB Collaborate to Boost Anthrax Vaccine Production, Making Odisha Self-Reliant



In a significant move towards vaccine self-sufficiency, the Fisheries and Animal Resources Development (FARD) department inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) on Monday. The collaboration aims to establish a Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) facility at the satellite unit of Odisha Biological Products Institute in Berhampur.

FARD Minister Ranendra Pratap Swain expressed optimism that this facility would not only meet Odisha's demand for anthrax and enterotoxaemia (ENT) vaccines but also enable vaccine supply to other states.

Currently, the Berhampur unit produces 22 lakh doses of anthrax spore vaccine (ASV) and 14 lakh doses of enterotoxaemia vaccine (ENTV) annually through conventional methods. The upcoming GMP laboratory will adhere to WHO norms and the Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940 of India, allowing the unit to scale up production to two crore doses of ENTV and 50 lakh doses of ASV vaccines annually. The ambitious project, costing Rs 52 crore, is poised to enhance vaccine manufacturing capabilities and bolster healthcare initiatives in the region.

Himachal Pradesh Unleashes Rs 500 Crore 'Him Ganga' Scheme to Elevate Dairy Sector

In a bid to catalyze Himachal Pradesh's dairy sector and initiate a 'White Revolution' in the region, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's government unveiled the Him Ganga milk co-operative scheme, backed by an investment of Rs 500 crore. The initiative kicked off with the formation of public awareness committees and the establishment of 201 milk co-operative societies, prioritizing 11 in Hamirpur and eight in Kangra run by women.



The government emphasized the pivotal role of milk co-operatives in fostering self-sufficiency among farmers, transcending barriers of gender, caste, religion, and community.

The state aims to increase the number of women-led milk producer co-operative societies systematically. The dairy sector, beyond generating employment, has significantly contributed to reducing malnutrition and poverty while enhancing the rural economy. With increased procurement prices and strategic investments in infrastructure, Himachal Pradesh is poised for transformative growth in its dairy industry.

Director AHD Champions Dairy Development in Ramban, Advocates Farmer-Friendly Schemes



Director of the Animal Husbandry Department (AHD) in Jammu, Dr. Shubhra Sharma, spearheaded a series of Awareness Camps during her two-day visit to Ramban district, emphasizing the transformative potential of the Integrated Dairy Development Scheme (IDDS). Dr. Shubhra encouraged farmers to leverage IDDS benefits for establishing dairy units, highlighting JKMPCL's support in milk collection, subsidized vans, and Milk ATMs in Ramban.

The director urged participants to enhance milk production and fortify the poultry sector through farmer-friendly schemes like IDDS, IPDP, Feed and Fodder, and HADP. Addressing local demands, she assured consideration for new Veterinary Centres and medication availability.

The camps, led by CAHO Dr. Suhail Jan Kawoosa and others, educated farmers on government schemes and facilities. JKMPCL's Managing Director shared insights, noting the significant impact of milk collection and distribution in J&K. Pashu Sakhies at Kowbagh received free kits, enhancing their role in recording vital cattle data. Progressive farmers shared success stories, while villagers voiced the need for more Awareness Camps and essential veterinary facilities.

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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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