

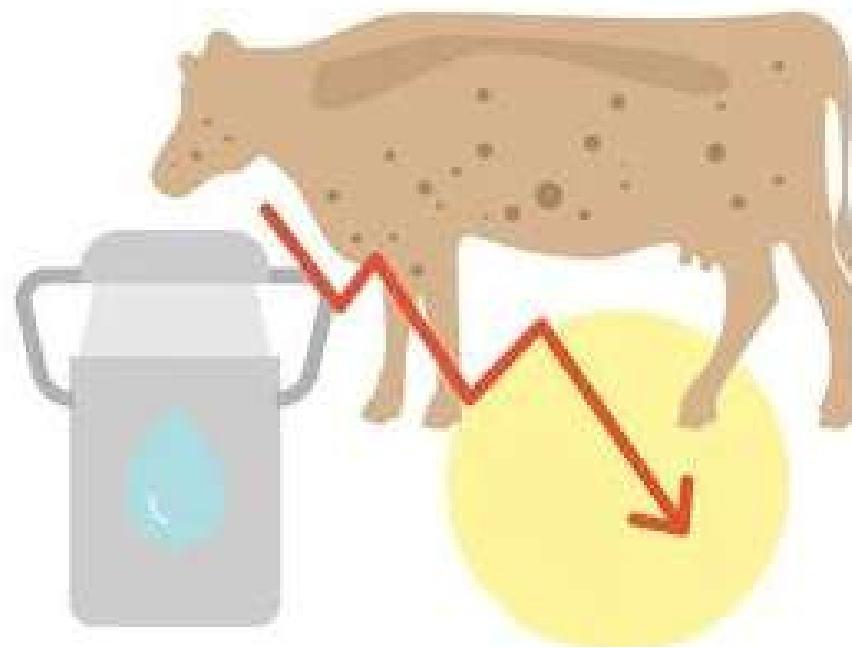
## CM's Big Announcement for Uttarakhand Dairy Development



In a recent review meeting at the Dehradun Secretariat, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami unveiled an extensive plan to boost dairy development in the state. With a focus on improving the livelihoods of farmers and addressing the shortage of fodder, the Chief Minister instructed the establishment of 600 multi-purpose milk cooperatives, 20 fodder Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), 50 milk producer service centers, and 16 Badri Cow Growth Centers.

These comprehensive dairy development initiatives are set to transform the dairy sector in Uttarakhand. Through the establishment of multi-purpose milk cooperatives, fodder FPOs, milk producer service centers, and Badri Cow Growth Centers, the government aims to improve the livelihoods of farmers, enhance milk production, and boost the overall economy of the state. These initiatives will foster a sustainable and prosperous dairy industry, benefitting all milk societies and milk unions across Uttarakhand.

## Meghalaya witnesses decrease in Lumpy Skin Disease among cows



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According to Dr. Blah War, recent reports indicate a decrease in the rate of LSD infections compared to previous days. Acknowledging the gravity of the situation, the department has implemented comprehensive measures to prevent further spread of the disease.

According to the doctor, there are about 168 Rapid Response Teams keeping a close check on the spreading of LSD, as there is no cure for it to date.

By prioritizing biosecurity measures and collaborating with experts, the AH&V aims to develop effective strategies for controlling LSD and ensuring the health and productivity of cattle cows in the long run.

## Trucks-On-Train (TOT) Service Launched for Milk Transportation



Trucks-on-Train, a roll-on and roll-off (RORO) service, was launched on the dedicated freight corridor (DFC) between New Palanpur to New Rewari stations to transport milk and cattle feed in the region.

The first service started between the stations on 10 June. The RORO service was flagged off in the presence of Gujarat Assembly Speaker and Chairman at Banas Dairy.

DFCCIL and Gujarat Cooperative Milk Federation have joined hands by signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to have been undertaken as the first endeavour under the MoU. The TOT service has been started with 25 loaded trucks from either side daily to carry the trucks/milk tankers from Gujarat to National Capital Region and cattle feed for farmer's/milk unions while returning.

For 25 trucks the freight earned is Rs 7.25 lkn each trip. Overall reduction in logistics cost is expected to help in regulating the price of this essential commodity in the long term.

## Assam Introduces Online Permission System for Inter-State Cattle Transportation



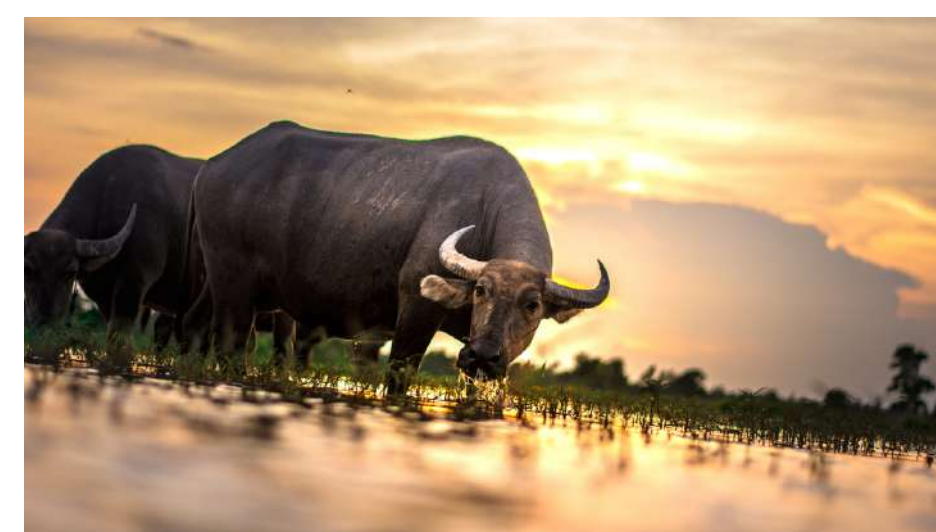
The Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department of Assam has introduced an online permission system for inter-state transportation of cattle. Traders involved in dairy purposes will now be required to apply for permission online when transporting cattle to and from Assam. The implementation of this system is expected to enhance vigilance and tighten regulations surrounding cattle transportation.

The recently enacted Assam Cattle Preservation Act, 2021, includes stringent provisions to combat the illegal transportation of cattle. Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Minister Atul Bora inaugurated the online portal, [ahvd-cattletrans.assam.gov.in](http://ahvd-cattletrans.assam.gov.in), in the presence of senior officials from the department, including Principal Secretary Manish Thakur and Director Indira Kalita. Minister Atul Bora explained that until now, permissions for cattle transportation for dairy purposes were obtained through offline means. However, with the launch of the web portal, the department will no longer accept offline applications for cattle transportation. The online permission system aims to prevent illegal cattle transportation and establish a seamless monitoring mechanism to facilitate legal transportation of cattle.

This online permission for transportation of cattle is valid only for dairy, not for beef. No permission is needed for the inter-district movement of cattle, barring the districts that share international borders. If anybody wants to transport cattle to the districts sharing international borders, they have to seek permission online through the portal.

## TANUVAS Organizes Buffalo Mela to Promote Best Practices in Buffalo Rearing

Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS) has organized a two-day Buffalo Mela to spread awareness among farmers on the best practices for buffalo rearing. The first-of-its-kind event was organized by TANUVAS's College of Food and Dairy Technology (CFDT), Koduvelli in association with Central Cattle Breeding Farm on June 14 and June 15. Experts from the sector will interact with buffalo farmers.



The motive behind the event is to encourage women to take up buffalo farming and to provide them a source of earning. According to TANUVAS officials, Tamil Nadu has rich indigenous varieties of buffalo but the farmers are unable to reap proper benefits from them.

One of the primary objectives of the Buffalo Mela is to encourage more women to engage in buffalo farming and provide them with a source of income. Tamil Nadu boasts a diverse range of indigenous buffalo varieties, but many farmers are unable to fully capitalize on their potential.

Dr. N Kumaravelu, the Dean of CFDT, expressed the importance of adopting scientific techniques in buffalo rearing to optimize productivity and ensure the well-being of the animals. By disseminating knowledge and expertise during the Buffalo Mela, TANUVAS aims to empower farmers with the necessary skills to improve their buffalo farming practices and increase their income potential.

The event serves as a platform for farmers to learn from experts in the field and interact with fellow buffalo farmers, fostering a sense of community and knowledge-sharing. TANUVAS remains committed to supporting the farming community and promoting sustainable and profitable buffalo farming practices.

## Uttarakhand Witnesses Over 4,000 Cases of Lumpy Skin Disease in June



Uttarakhand has recorded a significant surge in lumpy skin disease (LSD) cases, with the state reporting over 4,000 infections in June alone. These new cases account for nearly a fourth of the total 16,235 cases recorded since May 5. The severity of the situation is highlighted by the fact that 303 cattle have lost their lives to the disease, including 10 reported deaths on June 5th.

Among the districts in Uttarakhand, Pithoragarh and Bageshwar have been the hardest hit by LSD, with approximately 4,324 and 4,158 cases respectively recorded so far this year. Champawat follows closely with 2,512 infections, reporting the highest number of deaths at 127.

The district of Bageshwar witnessed the demise of 58 infected cattle, while Pithoragarh reported 25 deaths due to the disease. Currently, Uttarakhand has 2,076 active cases, and the fatality rate stands at 186%. However, there is some positive news as 13,856 livestock have recovered from LSD, representing a recovery rate of 85.34%.

Authorities have attributed the high number of cases in the hill districts to a shortage of staff. According to a senior doctor from the department, there is a deficit of approximately 50% in livestock extension officers and nearly 25% of veterinary doctor positions remain vacant. This staff crunch is hampering effective disease management and control measures.

The surge in LSD cases has raised alarm bells in Uttarakhand, necessitating swift action to curb its spread. The state government and concerned departments must prioritize filling staff vacancies, deploying additional resources, and intensifying awareness campaigns among livestock owners. It is crucial to provide timely veterinary care and implement measures to protect the health and livelihoods of farmers.

## Assam Procures 1.16 Lakh Sexed Sorted Semen to Boost Dairy Industry

The Assam government has taken a significant step towards bolstering the dairy industry by procuring 1.16 lakh sexed sorted semen to increase the female calf population and enhance dairy production. The move aligns with the state's ambitious plan to amplify milk production manifold, drawing inspiration from successful models in states like Gujarat. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has set a target to elevate the state's animal-based economy, aiming to place Assam among the top 5 states in India.



CM Sarma expressed his vision, stating, "Expanding the animal-based economy will catapult Assam into India's top 5 states. We have set an ambitious target to increase our milk production manifold, pursuing the models of states like Gujarat." To support this goal, the state government will provide a subsidy of Rs 5 per litre of milk to milk farmers, encouraging them to contribute to the dairy industry's growth.

Emphasizing the importance of increasing the female calf population, CM Sarma highlighted the procurement of 1.16 lakh sexed sorted semen using state funds. This strategic move aims to boost dairy production by ensuring a higher number of female calves, which are essential for milk production. Under the Mukhyamantri Swa Niyojan Yojana, the Assam government will extend financial assistance of Rs 2 lakh each to two lakh youths in the state.

CM Sarma also highlighted the advancements in artificial insemination techniques, which now allow for the determination of the sex of newborn calves. Through the integration of scientific methods and artificial insemination, Assam aims to leverage these technologies to optimize breeding practices and improve the overall quality of the dairy industry.

## A Capacity Building Training Program for the Pashu Sakhis was organized by CEDSI in collaboration with ITC Sunehra Kal.

A comprehensive five-day training program, comprising a field assessment on the first day followed by four days of intensive training was conducted by CEDSI for the ITC Sunehra Kal Mission, aiming to skill train the Pashu Sakhis on large ruminants. This training program not only enables the rendering of services by the Pashu Sakhis in the community, contributing to their livelihood, but also enhances the livelihoods of large ruminant farmers in the region. Various aspects of large ruminant management, including breed selection, feeding, health management, and marketing, were covered in the training program. The training program was organized in Sehore, Madhya Pradesh, where 30 participants actively took part.



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