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HP government is going to introduce the “Him-Ganga” scheme, which aims to develop a milk-based economy in the state. The government aims to collect milk from cattle rearers and sell milk by-products to improve the rural economy.

Under the “Him-Ganga” scheme, cattle rearers will receive fair prices for their milk based on the real cost, and efforts will be made to enhance the quality and efficiency of milk procurement, processing, and marketing systems.

The government will also protect milk producers from regional and seasonal price fluctuations, particularly those from poorer sections of society. An allocation of Rs. 500 crores has been made for the “Him-Ganga” scheme, and it will be initially launched on a pilot basis by linking farmers before gradually expanding to other areas.

Meanwhile, CM Sukhu said to increase the income of milk farmers, Milk Producers’ Cooperative Societies will be established as needed, ensuring effective marketing of milk and its products through these cooperatives.

FSSAI to conduct nation-wide anti-adulteration drive for milk, dairy products



The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) will conduct a nationwide check of milk and dairy products in its ongoing effort to curb adulteration. India is the world's largest producer of milk but adulteration with chemicals and other substances remains a problem as growing income pushes up demand. The food safety body will collect samples on a large scale from both organised and unorganised sectors in districts across the country.

“The rationale behind choosing milk is due to its indispensable role in our food culture either as a fresh fluid or as processed dairy products,” FSSAI said in a release.

Samples of products such as khoa, chenna, paneer, ghee, butter, curd, and ice cream will also be examined as part of the effort. This anti-adulteration exercise will examine the samples for compliance with quality and safety parameters. It will also identify hotspots for adulterated milk and milk products, and devise corrective actions.

Steps to be adopted for ‘sustainable dairying’ said J. Chinchurani



Minister for Animal Husbandry J. Chinchurani said, Timely measures will be adopted to increase milk productivity in cows to achieve the target of ‘sustainable dairying,’ at inaugurating the valedictory session of a one-day workshop on ‘Optimising productivity for sustainable dairying’ organised by the State government under the leadership of the Kerala Livestock Development Board (KLDB) at State Agricultural Management at Extension Training Institute

The workshop was organised to discuss ways to overcome the challenges posed by high feed and maintenance costs, diseases & increase milk production in the State. Reproduction and breeding management, cost-effective nutrition, value addition and profitable marketing strategies were also discussed.

Ms. Chinchurani formally released the NABL accreditation certificate received by the KLDB’s genomic lab.

Centre announces implementation of Livestock Mission in J&K



Government of India has made an important announcement regarding implementation of Bharat Pashudhan-National Digital Livestock Mission (NDLM) and selected Jammu and Kashmir among the six states and union territories for implementation of the program.

This mission aims to create a farmer-centric ecosystem driven by technology, which will include the establishment of a digital livestock database in Jammu & Kashmir, improved farmer services, and timely information updates. As part of this initiative, the existing INAPH system will be completely replaced.

The NDLM will leverage a unique 12-digit barcoded tag id for all bovines and small ruminants, playing a crucial role in the universal Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccination process under the National Animal Disease Control Programme/Livestock Health & Disease Control Programme.

Under this program, to ensure a seamless transition, District Nodal Officers, nominated by the respective Heads of Departments of Animal/Sheep Husbandry, will receive training from NDLM trainers. These officers will subsequently conduct multiple training sessions for all INAPH users and other relevant stakeholders within the Union Territory, guaranteeing their readiness for the new digital platform. Integrating data will facilitate the creation of a breeding program focused on achieving high-quality germplasm suitable for various agro climatic conditions in Jammu & Kashmir

Lumpy virus threat looms large in Himachal Pradesh

Animal husbandry department has sounded alarm in Una and Hamirpur districts against the threat of lumpy virus, found among cows and buffaloes. The authorities alerted the two districts following the reports of outbreak of the virus in the neighbouring states of Punjab and Uttarakhand.

Nearly 25,000 animals were affected by lumpy virus in Hamirpur and Una district last year, with about 1,209 animals dying in Una alone .



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Una deputy director, the Animal Husbandry Department, Dr Jai Singh Sen said that the vaccine is available absolutely free of cost in all veterinary institutes of the district. "Don't buy and sell animals from Lumpy affected areas," Sen stressed.

He also appealed to the cattle rearers to immediately report any symptoms such as high fever, loss of appetite, loss of milk and thick lumps in the skin in their cattle to the nearest veterinary hospital or pharmacy. He said that this year so far not a single case of this disease has been reported in Una district.

Karnataka's Dakshina Kannada gears up to enrol 2.5 lakh cattle under Pashu Aadhaar



The department of animal husbandry and veterinary sciences is gearing up to enrol over 2.5 lakh cattle in Dakshina Kannada district under Pashu Aadhaar registration. Each domestic cattle in the district will get unique identity number with muzzle pattern as biometric details under the Information Network for Animal Productivity and Health (INAPH) of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).

The data will help the department to monitor the health status of cattle in the district, especially to tackle diseases. Dr Arun Kumar Shetty, deputy director of animal husbandry and veterinary sciences, stated that the department has been making preparations to begin the process of collecting muzzle patterns of over 2.5 lakh domestic cattle in the district.

'Earlier, the cattle were given ear tags with 12-digit identification numbers. This has been leading to injuries on the ears, infections, and allergies among animals. There were instances of cows getting injured when the ear tags hooked to plants and fences. To replace the ear tags, the government has decided to introduce muzzle pattern identification for all domestic cattle.

The muzzle pattern will be scanned using a reader and the same will be used as biometric data for the purpose of creation of unique identification. Each cattle has its own unique muzzle pattern which will be different from the rest of the animals," the official said. The government has sent a circular directing the department staff to be prepared for the muzzle pattern collection of all domestic cattle in the district. The department of personnel and administrative reforms (e- Governance) will provide the software and apps for the purpose.

"As per the 20th cattle population survey, Dakshina Kannada district has cattle, including 65,997 indigenous and 1,84,572 crossbree

NDDB subsidiary to partner with 1.5 lakh women dairy farmers in U.P.

NDDB Dairy Services, a subsidiary of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), is providing technical support to the Uttar Pradesh government to establish three women-owned milk producer companies under the state government's Mahila Samarthya Yojana (MSY). With this initiative, the government aims to involve around 1.50 lakh rural women dairy farmers from over 2,800 villages in 17 districts of U.P. By the time the initiative is in its fifth year, the objective is the procurement of over 7 lakh litres of milk per day, according to information.



To be named Saamarthya, Shri Baba Gorakhnath Kripaa and Srijanee, these milk producer companies will be headquartered in Rae Bareilly, Gorakhpur and Bareilly, respectively. NDDB chairman Meenesh Shah pointed out that despite being the second largest milk-producing state in the country, Uttar Pradesh still had a large untapped potential. "This initiative of bringing together women dairy farmers will not only provide them with market access and livelihood but will also unleash their entrepreneurship potential,"

Since the announcement of the move involving women dairy farmers, the state government has prepared an outlay for setting up three companies, and the work to get them running as swiftly as possible has already begun, said C Indumathy, the state mission director of UP State Rural Livelihood Mission, of which MSY is a part.

The field staff of Heritage Foods Ltd. in the Milk Procurement and Input Supervisor job role underwent an upskilling program organized by CEDSI

In a concerted effort to enhance the proficiency of professionals within the Dairy industry, the Centre of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India (CEDSI) conducted a comprehensive 3-day upskilling program for the esteemed Field staff of Heritage Foods Ltd. The focal objective of this program was to deliver targeted training in the specialized roles of Milk Procurement and Input Supervisor. The program proved to be a resounding success, as the participants were furnished with advanced knowledge and skills indispensable for optimizing milk procurement processes and adeptly managing input supplies. Spanning from the 19th to the 21st of May 2023, this program was held in Aurangabad, Maharashtra, where around 40 Field staff were meticulously trained.



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- Calf Rearing
- Farm Equipment Technician
- Dairy farm Economics and Management
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