

Rural India will create 1.2 crores new, sustainable jobs in dairy sector in 10 years : Amul



Rural India will create 1.2 crore new jobs in dairy-related activities in the next 10 years and these jobs would mean livelihood and food security for a large population in the country, said R.S. Sodhi, Managing Director, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (Amul).

The dairy sector has the potential to generate a large number of new jobs, entrepreneurial opportunities, and sustainable incomes for families and therefore ensure food security, he said while addressing a gathering at Amul facility in Anand.

The country's dairy sector would do good for the next 50 years especially when many neighbouring countries were facing milk shortages, added Mr. Sodhi.

Cooperative bank for milk producers a revolutionary step: Karnataka CM Bommai



Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said Establishing the 'Nandini Ksheera Samridhi Cooperative Bank' is a revolutionary initiative, which will provide greater financial strength for the milk producers.

"We all know the strength of milk producers in the cooperative sector. The Milk Producers cooperatives have a turnover of about ₹20,000 crore in various banks every day. This is a special programme to establish their own bank which would provide greater financial aid for them and improve their economic condition," Bommai said.

"Setting up of Nandini Ksheera Samridhi Bank will bring a second wave of White Revolution in dairy sector", Bommai said.

JIS group invests Rs 150 crore to foray into dairy products: Kolkata



Kolkata-based JIS Group on Wednesday said it will launch dairy products under the brand JOI Farm. The group has invested Rs 150 crore at Howrah for a modern dairy products processing plant for dairy products like fresh milk, paneer, and curd, the company said in a statement

Company officials said with their own farm sourced milk the company will be able to make a difference in offering quality products to consumers. The group has had exposure in the fresh milk business since long but this is its first foray into milk processing and value added milk products, and it create 150 jobs officials said.

In recent years there has been a flurry of new dairy companies in the West Bengal market. FMCG major ITC has also forayed into dairy in recent years. Besides the state owned brand Mother Dairy there are brands like Thakkers, Metro, Red Cow and Amul

Odisha introduces 'sex sorted semen' for boosting dairy development

Odisha's Fisheries and animal resources development minister Arun Kumar Sahoo launched 'Sex Sorted Semen' under the artificial insemination programme aimed at advancing the dairy development in the state.

Sahoo said sex sorted semen technology will enhance the milk production in the state through the production of around 90 per cent of female calves. Bovine breeding over the past two decades has played a key role in boosting farmers' income in the state, he added.

Official sources said genetic improvement of breed through artificial insemination has been taken up in a mission mode. Currently, around 15 lakh cows are being inseminated annually, free of cost.

The cost of a single dose of sex sorted semen is Rs 715, the government provides it to dairy farmers at Rs 180 per dose. In the Odisha Mineral Bearing Areas of the state covered under the OMBADC programme, the sex sorted semen program will be provided with 100 percent subsidy. This year, over 55 lakh doses of sex sorted semen will be utilized to cover over 120 lakh dairy animals in the state.



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



The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), Government of India has initiated the launch of a Pilot project in the state of Uttarakhand to implement the One Health Framework by One Health Support Unit. The key objective of the Unit is to develop a national One Health roadmap based on the learnings of the pilot project Implementation.

Addressing the launch of the pilot project, Shri Atul Chaturvedi, Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying said, "The One Health India" program initiated by the Department will work with stakeholders from various sectors

to improve livestock health, human health, wildlife health, and environmental health through technology and finance. The pilot in Uttarakhand will support the creation of the One Health Framework for India and help build a strong social infrastructure that supports the health of the people and the planet We look forward to co-ordinated engagement among all stakeholders for the successful implementation of the Pilot."

"We are happy to move forward with the implementation of the One Health framework in India, the pilot projects will help capacity building and understanding disease prioritization. Six interventions have been planned for the implementation of the pilot. The interventions will cover institutionalization and operationalization aspects for better coordination amongst different relevant sectors, said Dr. Praveen Malik, Animal Husbandry Commissioner

Will strike right balance regarding hike in milk prices, says Goa Cooperation minister Subhash Shirodkar

Cooperation minister Subhash Shirodkar said on Sunday that the government would "strike the right balance" while deciding on Goa Dairy's proposal to hike milk prices so as to ensure that while the interests of dairy farmers are protected, the common man isn't burdened much

The administrators' committee of the Goa state cooperative milk producers' union (Goa Dairy) has already sent a proposal to the state government for raising the prices of milk by Rs 4-5 per litre.

The committee has suggested a hike of Rs 4 per liter for three variants - Shakti (standardised milk), Diva (cow milk) and Cold Gold (toned milk - and Rs 5 for full cream milk. Goa

Dairy has been mulling over the hike after Amul prices were hiked by Rs 2 per liter from March 1. Shirodkar further said he would strive to make the cooperative sector healthy and economically vibrant with the benefits percolating down to households. 'Benefits accrued from the various forms of cooperatives - farmers' cooperatives, services cooperatives, etc - should reach the households. We should aim to reach out to at least 3 lakh families from 5 lakh. That would be my focus area, said Shirodkar



Animal feed manufacturers may see margins falling further



The Russia-Ukraine face-off may further widen the already shrinking margins of Indian animal feed manufacturers, who are struggling to cope with the steep rise in raw material prices, on the one hand, and escalating demand, on the other.

The conflict between the two European nations has triggered a global shortage of grains, such as wheat and maize, which are important inputs for animal feed. With India trying to fill the gap with the export of its own stock of grains, animal feed manufacturers are left high and dry.

"The cost of production of animal feed has gone up by 40 percent, which, in turn, has pushed up the cost of production of milk by Rs 2, eggs by Re 1 and chicken by 45 percent," said Neeraj Kumar Srivastava, chairman of Compound Livestock Feed Manufacturers' Association (CLFMA).

According to him, India produces around 40 million tonnes (MT) of compound feed, of which poultry feed accounts for a major share. Cattle feed and aquaculture feed, which is witnessing a significant growth spurred by the booming seafood exports from India, make up the rest.



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