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FSSAI directs e-commerce companies to delist plant-based products as 'dairy'

National food regulator FSSAI has directed e-commerce companies to delist plant-based products as dairy milk products, following the Dairy Federation objecting to products such as soya, coconut and walnut-based beverages being labelled as 'milk'. Dozens of brands in India such as *Sofit* and *NatureVit* sell packaged soya, almond or coconut milk on e-commerce platforms as dairy products.

GCMMF managing director RS Sodhi said: "This move by the regulator will protect the interest of consumers and farmers. Besides, most of the raw materials used by plant-based products are imported." The dairy industry has also called for incorporation of a logo for dairy products to help customers to identify and differentiate dairy products from non-dairy ones.



Banas Dairy to start its third plant in UP, identified location in Varanasi

Banas Dairy has taken possession of land for setting up a milk processing plant at Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. Banas Dairy, the largest milk union of Gujarat, will be spending nearly Rs. 500 crore for setting up the milk processing plant that can process five lakh litres (LLPD) milk every day.

"The 51 bigha land parcel belonged to UP State Industrial Development Authority which has been handed over to us. It is located at Karkhiyaon, 18 km away from Varanasi. We have already started work like levelling the land and are expecting the plant to come up in the next 18-20 months," said dairy's in-charge Managing Director Sangram Chaudhary. "Farmers of UP as well as Banaskantha will immensely benefit from this dairy plant,".



Milma to protest government's move to tax milk cooperatives

The Kerala Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation, popularly known as Milma, has strongly opposed the Centre's move to impose income tax on the Anand-model primary milk cooperative societies.

Milma will organise a mass protest at the Palayam Martyrs Column on Tuesday to seek a rollback of the move. Animal Husbandry and dairy Development Minister J. Chinchurani will inaugurate and light a 'protest flame' during the programme that will be presided over by the Leader of Opposition V.D. Satheesan.

Milma chairman said the decision to impose tax on dairy cooperatives could break the backbone of a vast majority of dairy cooperatives and also deal a crippling blow to millions of dairy farmers across the country.

Dairy cooperatives societies will help empower women in State, says Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Minister, Andhra Pradesh Govt.

The state government is aiming at empowering women by making them a vital part of the 'White Revolution' in the state by setting up dairy cooperative societies exclusively for them, Minister for Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Sidiri Appala Raju said.

"The government has set up 9,899 women cooperative societies at the village level and launched several financial schemes such as YSR Cheyutha and Aasara to provide interest-free loans from Andhra Pradesh State Cooperative Bank (APCOB) through the District Central Cooperative Banks. The Amul Dairy will procure, process, and market the milk production, with which the government has signed an MoU.

Union Minister Shri Parshottam Rupala reviews implementation of animal husbandry, dairy schemes in UP

Union Minister Shri Parshottam Rupala on Tuesday, September 7, reviewed the implementation of animal husbandry and dairy schemes in Uttar Pradesh and asked the state government to promote Kisan Credit Card for livestock farmers. Rupala held a review meeting with Uttar Pradesh's Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan and L Murugan participated in the meeting. Both are Ministers of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying.

According to the statement, Rupala reviewed the implementation of animal husbandry and dairy schemes in the state and also took stock of the proposals concerning these two segments. The Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying also discussed future action plans for the implementation of the schemes in the state.

Rupala emphasized that the schemes on breeder farm entrepreneurs and fodder entrepreneurs will help in creating rural entrepreneurship and better livelihood opportunity for unemployed youth and livestock farmers in the cattle, dairy, poultry, sheep, goat, piggery, feed, and fodder sectors. He advised the state minister to further expand the existing 'Pashu Bima' scheme, and promote Kisan Credit Card (KCC) for livestock farmers on a campaign mode.



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Dairy tech firm Stellapps diversifies into milk procurement

Stellapps Technologies, a digital solutions provider for the dairy supply chain has diversified into milk procurement; and has started sourcing milk for large brands such as ITC and CavinKare. The company, which is building a milk procurement network also proposes to provide extension services including agri-inputs such as feed; fertilizers, and supplements to the dairy farmers.

Over the past few months, Stellapps has started milk procurement operations in the Kolar district of Karnataka and Eastern Uttar Pradesh. "We have started procurement in these two clusters now and plan to set up 18-more such clusters over the next 12-18 months;" said Ranjith Mukundan, CEO, Stellapps

Technologies Pvt Ltd. recently, Stellapps procures around 30,000 liters per day of which 18,000 liters is from Eastern UP and the rest in Kolar. The company currently operates about 400 milk procurement centers in these two clusters; where at least 100 farmers are actively pouring milk at each of these centers.

Global News: Crossbreeding can reduce methane gas emissions by around 6%

According to a recent study, the impact of crossbreeding and feed efficiency on methane emission led by SimHerd, crossbred cows can reduce methane gas emissions by up to six percent compared to pure Holstein cows. The study was conducted using the simulation model SimHerd and is part of the DairyCross project founded by **Green Innovation** and **Demonstration Foundation in Denmark**, in which other key institutions are also participating.

SimHerd consultant Ruth Davis Kring said that in the simulation model they had plenty of different specifications to measure heterosis and breed differences. "All those parameters were put into the model so that when we run it the model can predict what the effect would be in the herd going from a pure-breed Holstein to a crossbred herd with given breed combinations," she said. "Some of those effects may be related to methane emissions." She said the main driver of the decrease in methane was the reduction of young stock.

"The primary reason is that crossbred cows live longer, so you don't need as many replacement animals, resulting in a smaller young stock herd. "When you have fewer animals, you lower methane emissions at herd level."

She said the reason why crossbred cows lived longer was that they were more robust, healthier, and were more fertile so there was no need to replace them as quickly as the pure Holstein cows. A case herd was modelled in the study, with 200 purebred Holstein cows.

Govt launches portal for National Livestock Mission

Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala on Monday, September 6, launched the portal for National Livestock Mission (NLM). With the portal, the Government aims to increase the effectiveness and ensure transparency in the implementation of the scheme.

National Livestock Mission Portal

The National Livestock Portal (NLM) portal is developed by the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) in collaboration with the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying. The online portal aims to enable a customized workflow between State Implementing Agency (SIA), lenders, and Ministry as required under the National Livestock Mission. The portal was launched during the national level meeting with all State Animal Husbandry/Veterinary Ministers convened by Union Minister Parshottam Rupala.



National Livestock Mission

The National Livestock Mission, an initiative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, was introduced in 2014-15, with the objective of sustainable development of the livestock sector. The livestock sector in the country has been growing at a compound annual growth rate of 8.15% from 2014-15 to 2019-20. The National Livestock Mission will help in creating rural entrepreneurship by engaging farmers in the sector. The scheme would also provide livelihood opportunities to the unemployed youth and livestock farmers in the cattle, dairy, poultry, sheep, goat, piggery, feed, and fodder sectors.

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CEDSI has launched its membership drive for the students of Dairy and allied sector

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Tata Cornell Institute, Walmart Foundation launch hub for FPOs in Delhi

In a bid to empower India's 125 million small farmers to take advantage of growing opportunities in the agricultural sector, the Tata-Cornell Institute (TCI) for Agriculture and Nutrition launched a hub for Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) within its Centre of Excellence in New Delhi. The hub features a first-of-its-kind database of Indian FPOs.

Created with grant funding of \$1 million from the Walmart Foundation, the Hub will serve as a repository of learnings, information, and knowledge for the advancement of FPOs in India, TCI said in a statement. "Farmer producer organizations are crucial for both improving the livelihoods of smallholder farmers and increasing the supply of diverse, nutritious foods that are increasingly in demand across India," said Prabhu Pingali, director of TCI and professor in the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management.

