

## Address

**Shri Amit Shah**  
**Hon'ble Union Home and Cooperation Minister**

The Hon'ble Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed the World Dairy Summit-2022 on the subject '**Relevance of Cooperative Institutions for Dairy Sector**'. Several dignitaries including the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath and the Union Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries, Shri Parshottam Rupala were present on the occasion.

In his address, Shri Amit Shah said that for the first time since 1974, the Dairy Summit of the International Dairy Federation is being organized in India. This event is taking India far ahead from where India stood in milk production in 1974. India is becoming a self-reliant and exporter. During this period, due to the efforts of crores of our cattle farmers and especially women farmers, the country has not only become self-sufficient in this field but is also able to export. India is the largest milk producer in the world, through the contribution of lakhs of small and marginal dairy farmers.

The Union Cooperation Minister said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India has become the 5<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world, improving from the 11<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the last 8 years and the



government is confident that soon India will be the third largest economy, in which the cooperative sector will play a bigger role. He said when India will reach the number three position, the world will also discuss the contribution of cooperatives in this achievement. By creating the Ministry of Cooperation, Prime Minister has made efforts to make 70 crore people, who live in poverty, to contribute in the country's economy and live a life of dignity. Dairy sector, cooperative institutions have the highest relevance in India.

Shri Amit Shah said that the cooperatives are a more than 125

years old concept in India and there are many cooperatives which are more than 100 years old and are still running successfully according to principles of cooperative. India has successfully placed its cooperative system as a role model before the world.

With the formula of "Production by Masses", India has worked to present a human-centered model in the dairy sector before the world.

Corporate dairy contributes to the development of the country by generating income for shareholders of the companies and its owners through milk production. At the same time,

cooperative dairy contributes to the development of the country by touching many dimensions and through this we can become self-reliant. Along with this, the fight against malnutrition through cooperatives also goes ahead and cooperative dairy also serves the purpose of women's empowerment. He said crores of women in India have been empowered through cooperative dairy. Cooperative dairy and other cooperative institutions have contributed in the rural development of Gujarat and the dignitaries who are at this conference should visit Gujarat and see the cooperative model there.

Shri Amit Shah called on those present at the conference that they should make natural farming the life of dairy. He said that the goal of cooperative dairy is not to earn money but to give good health to every citizen by building a strong India and in this we can show the way to farmers of the world. The products produced by natural farming will bring prosperity to the lives of the farmers of the country as well as contribute significantly to the development of India's economy. He said that three separate multistate cooperative societies are being formed for certification, marketing and export of natural farming products.

The Union Cooperation Minister said apart from cooperatives, no other model can give the mantra of equitable economic development. Indian cooperative dairies have managed one of the best supply chains in the world. He said the government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi believes that positive changes should be brought to the lives of poor farmers in India as well as around the world and for this, the success story of cooperatives like India's Amul should be exchanged among countries so that the welfare of the people of

the world can take place. Exchange of best practices develops the whole world and the people of India believe that cooperatives should be established in the world and the standards of living of the poor should be raised in developing and under developed countries.

India has witnessed a 360 degree development in the cooperative sector and no sector has remained untouched by it. Cooperative dairies contribute to the development of the country by touching many dimensions and can become self-reliant. Shri Shah said that today cooperative dairies are not limited only to milk collection and production, but along with promoting the usage of animal feed, fodder seed, artificial insemination and making manure and gas from cow dung, they have also supported the use of 'Gobar Bank' of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He said the use of cow 'Gobar Bank' should be understood by the world as it contains the basic idea of health of the world.

In countries across the world, farmers get only 40-50 percent of the profits from milk production in the dairy industry, but in India, dairy cooperatives deposits 70 percent of the consumer price into banks account of milk producing farmers which is a great achievement for India. The world should adopt this model. He said today 1.8 crore farmers in India are associated with the dairy through cooperative sector.



*Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah receiving memento from the Union Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries, Shri Parshottam Rupala addressing at the IDF Summit 2022*

There are about two lakh rural dairies at present and two lakh more rural dairies will be built before 2024. The Union Cooperation Minister said India has become self-sufficient in milk, but even now machines for processing milk products are being imported. He said if the National Dairy Development Board and Amul together take up this task, then India can contribute to the world by becoming self-reliant in the production of milk product processing machinery. Shri Amit Shah said there is still a shortage of milk, in proportion to the population in Asian and African countries. He said under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi India's goal is to fulfil the spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' by providing milk products to every poor country. ■