

## Journey through Time: 75 Years of the Indian Dairy Association



**Dr. Satish Kulkarni**  
Chairman  
Indian Dairy Association  
(South Zone)



**Dr. Ramachandra K.S.**  
Former Principal Scientist  
NIANP, Bengaluru

### Introduction

The Indian Dairy Association (IDA) has played a crucial role in the development and growth of the dairy industry in India. Established to promote and facilitate the development of the dairy sector, the association has been a key player in shaping policies, fostering research, and facilitating collaboration within the industry. On the momentous occasion of celebrating its Platinum Jubilee marking a significant milestone in the association's journey and organizing the 50<sup>th</sup> edition of the Dairy Industry Conference in Hyderabad City, it is apt to trace and understand the Association's enduring commitment to the growth and development of the Indian dairy industry over the past 75 years. The authors, through meticulous exploration of documents, publications, and personal interactions, have endeavored to capture the essence of IDA's journey and its pivotal role in shaping the nation's dairy landscape.

In celebrating this historic occasion, the Indian Dairy Association not only commemorates its past successes but also sets the stage for a future marked by innovation, sustainability, and continued excellence in the Indian dairy sector.

### Birth of Indian Dairy Science Association

The genesis for the formation of the Indian Dairy Association dates back to 1947, when the scientific workers of the Indian Dairy Research Institute, Bangalore under the leadership of the then Director Dr. K.C. Sen mooted the idea of having a common platform in the form a voluntary Association for the purpose of disseminating and utilizing the scientific knowledge and techniques developed at scientific institutions by the dairy industries. It was in September 1947 that the idea mooted by Dr. K.C. Sen of forming an association was approved by the gathering in the meeting and the decision was taken to name it as "Indian Dairy Science Association". It was further resolved that the new-born Association would work with the following objectives:

- Advancement of dairy science in all branches of the industry by the dissemination and application of knowledge gained from experience and experiments.
- Provision of opportunities for the exchange of knowledge and ideas through discussion and other means, and collaboration between persons interested in research bearing on the science and practice of dairying.
- Encouragement of scientific enquiry into problems arising in the dairy industry, and
- Publication of a journal devoted to original research work bearing on the science and practice of dairying.

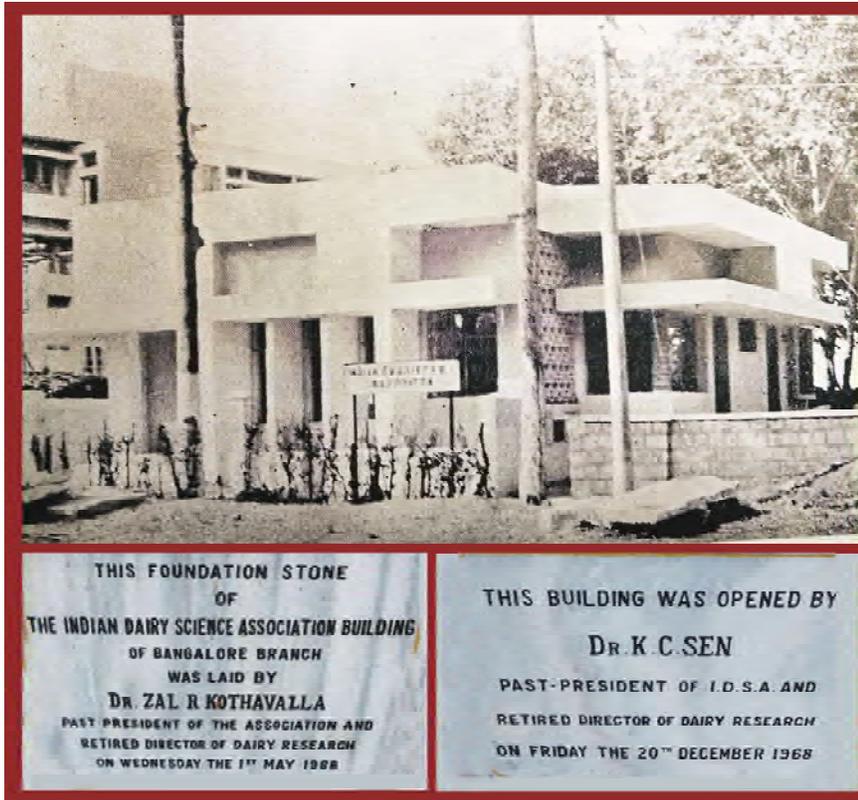


On the historical day of 20<sup>th</sup> September 1947, the Indian Dairy Science Association (IDSA) made its formal debut and held its first General Body Meeting at the Imperial Dairy Research Institute with about 130 founder members headed by stalwarts like Dr. Noshir N Dastur, Dr.H. Lakshminarayana, and many others. The first AGBM was held in the premises of the Dairy building, Imperial Dairy Institute, Bangalore. The IDSA was registered under the Mysore Society Act. The next logical step was for the IDSA to have a building of its own from where the activities of the Association could be carried



out. This dream of IDSA was also fulfilled with laying of the foundation of the building on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1968 by Dr. Z.R. Kothavalla, Past President of the Association and Retired Director of Dairy Research. The IDSA building located in the campus of Indian Dairy Research Institute, Bangalore was inaugurated on 20<sup>th</sup> December 1968 by Dr. K.C. Sen, the past President of the IDSA and Retired Director, Dairy Research. The building was completed within a span of seven months.

association faced considerable challenges due to the absence of a dedicated building, necessitating moves from rented premises like Sachdev Bhawan to Jhandewalan Extension, South Extension, and other locations. In some instances, makeshift offices, including garages, were utilized, contributing to disruptions in journal publication. However, in a turn of events, the Indian Dairy Science Association entered a phase of prosperity when Dr. P. Bhattacharya, the Animal Husbandry Commissioner of the Government of India, assisted ably by Shri. G. Gopinath, Joint Commissioner of Dairy Development, played a pivotal role in providing support and guidance to the association during these challenging times. Their unstinted efforts resulted in a suitable piece of land being allotted by the Government to the Association in R.K. Puram, New Delhi.



The 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1975 stands as a proud and momentous day in the history of the Indian Dairy Science Association (IDSA). On this significant occasion, the long-cherished dreams of the founding members materialized, and after 25 years of existence, the association finally acquired its own premises. Dr. P. Bhattacharya, in a historic move, laid the Foundation Stone for the new building on this memorable day. Notably, IDSA achieved exemption under Section 80G of the Income Tax

**Early Years:** The immediate task of the newly formed association was preparing the draft of the Constitution and Rules of the Association, which was completed within a short time with the endeavor of Dr. Dastur, Dr. Lakshminarayana, and other senior founder members. It is largely because of the sagacity and understanding of the Founder President of the Association, the Late Sir Datar Singh, and other founder members, that the Association was kept open to all persons and institutions genuinely interested in the development of science and practice of dairying.

The Indian Dairy Research Institute underwent a significant shift from Bangalore to Karnal in 1955, leading to the relocation of numerous activities and personnel. Meanwhile, the Indian Dairy Science Association remained in Bangalore until 1968 when it was subsequently moved to Delhi. In Delhi, the

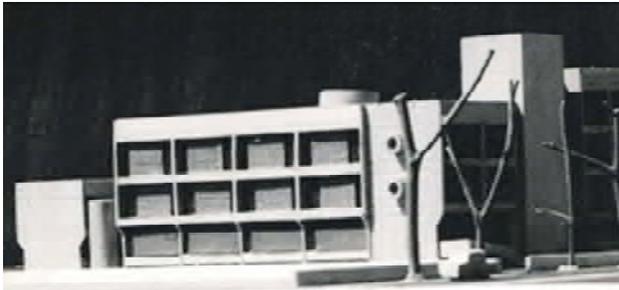
Act for donations, and a commendable sum of Rs. 5 Lakhs was collected for the construction of the building. The association, with heartfelt gratitude, welcomed small donations, even as little as a rupee. The initial phase of construction aimed to establish a library and office space on the ground floor, with three guest rooms planned for the first floor. In a generous gesture, the Mehsana Milk Producers' Cooperative Union contributed Rs. One lakh specifically for the library, which was named in memory of the late Shri. Mansinbhai Patel, former Chairman of Mehsana Union. This marked a significant step forward for IDSA, symbolizing progress and sustainability in its journey.

The building of the Association was inaugurated on December 7, 1975, by Dr. K.C. Sen in the august presence of Shri. Anna Saheb P. Shinde, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture. In his inaugural address,



**Dr. P. Bhattacharya**

Dr. Sen, while commenting on the role of Dr. Bhattacharya said " I have but unstinted praise for Dr. P. Bhattacharya for his determination to bring about this dynamism by the exercise of that radiant charm, and power of persuasion, which he alone possesses. The members of the Association who are here today, those who are not, and those who are going to enroll themselves in days to come will remember with gratitude the relentless efforts of Dr. Bhattacharya made in securing this valuable piece of land on which we have gathered today and build in face of all kinds of odds and yet within the shortest time of six months, this magnificent building, which is going to be the home of our Association. May I, on behalf of all of you offer sincerest congratulations to Dr. Bhattacharya for making this dream come true".



**Artist's Impression of IDA House**

### **Renaming of Indian Dairy Science Association to Indian Dairy Association**

As the Indian dairy industry experienced rapid growth, there arose a necessity for the Indian Dairy Science Association (IDSA) to expand its outreach and engage individuals involved in various facets of the dairy sector, including milk producers. Recognizing the evolving landscape of the industry, the association made a strategic decision to broaden its membership base, moving beyond the confines of individuals solely engaged in dairy research and industry. This inclusive approach was essential to accommodate the diverse stakeholders contributing to the flourishing dairy sector, fostering a more comprehensive and representative community within the association. Accordingly, the Association was renamed after suitable amendments to its original Constitution as the "Indian Dairy Association" (IDA). The IDA was officially registered on September 23rd, 1976 under the Registration of Societies Act of 1860 with Headquarters in New Delhi.

**Progress of Indian Dairy Association (IDA) over the Years:** Following the rechristening of the Indian Dairy Science

Association to the Indian Dairy Association in 1976, a series of progressive steps were undertaken to fortify the association and broaden its activities across all states at the national level and internationally. To achieve this objective, a comprehensive review was conducted on various aspects including the organization's structure, objectives, membership criteria, financial mechanisms, publication strategies, and the organization of the Dairy Industry Conference. This concerted effort aimed to enhance the association's presence and impact, ensuring its relevance and influence both nationally and on the global stage.

**Objective:** The objectives framed at the time of formation of Indian Dairy Science Association was redefined with wider scope and reach as "Advancement of dairy science and industry, farming, animal husbandry, animal sciences and its branches including dairy farming & research on breeding, and management of dairy livestock" and towards that end the association will seek:

- To provide opportunities for the dissemination and exchange of knowledge and ideas gained from experiments and experience through meetings, conferences, seminars and for collaboration between persons and/or institutions interested in research & planning and those in production, processing and marketing;
- To practice and promote a high standard of objectivity, scientific expertise and technical proficiency;
- To encourage and promote scientific research and development related to dairy, dairy farming as defined under the Section I - Definitions of Rules and Regulations of Association;
- To promote and participate in every way the rational and economic development of dairy science, industry and farming (as defined under the Rules & Regulations) in the country in association with cooperatives, industry, or any other organization, national or international, having similar aims and objectives;
- To assume any responsibility or functions when asked to do so, on behalf of Government towards the advancement of dairying;
- To collaborate with societies, associations, or any other organization, national or international, having similar aims and to participate in meetings held in India or abroad centered around similar objectives;
- To promote standards (qualitatively and otherwise) and to foster the growth of the dairy industry in general and for the purpose engage in consultancy activities, set up laboratories and do such like or other



things as are necessary for the purpose;

- To adopt, as and when required, an appropriate logo for the Association and to permit the use thereof by its members on such terms as may deem appropriate;
- To promote dairying as a part of Animal Husbandry activity in particular and agricultural farming in general for the benefit of livestock and agricultural farmers;
- To organize training, exhibition and help in the establishment of dairy farm as a part of Animal Husbandry activity for the benefit of agricultural, livestock & dairy farmers, in pursuance of objectives of the Association.

**Zones and Chapters:** As per the bye-laws of IDA, four Zonal Offices established with headquarters at Delhi (North Zone), Calcutta (East Zone), Mumbai (West Zone) and Bangalore (South Zone) came into existence in the year 1978 (as per available records). Subsequently, over the period, the State Chapters and Local chapters were formed in each of the zones as per provisions of the bye laws of the Association. Currently, IDA with its headquarters in New Delhi has four zonal offices, seven State Chapters (Gujarat, Kerala, Rajasthan, Punjab, Bihar, Haryana, and Tamil Nadu states), and five Local Chapters (Andhra Pradesh, Eastern Uttar Pradesh, Western Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Telangana). The extensive network of the Indian Dairy Association across the length and breadth of India is a testament to the remarkable interest and active participation shown by the interconnected community of stakeholders in the association's work and activities. This widespread presence not only reflects the inclusive nature of IDA but also plays a crucial role in effectively disseminating knowledge and developments within the dairy industry across the nation. The pan-India network of IDA serves as a dynamic platform for collaboration, idea exchange, and the collective advancement of the Indian dairy sector.

**Membership:** Since its inception, the Indian Dairy Association (IDA) has prioritized the enrollment of a diverse and extensive membership base, recognizing its crucial role as the backbone of the association. At its establishment, the association welcomed individuals and institutions genuinely interested in the advancement of the science and practice of dairying. Over time, the categories of members, eligibility criteria, life membership, admission fees, and other aspects have undergone significant changes through amendments to the bylaws, with approval from the Central Executive Committee and the Annual General Body Meeting.

Presently, members are enrolled under four broad

categories: Research Worker & Educationist (RE), Professionals & Planners (PP), Dairy Industry (DI), and Milk Producers (MP). From its initial 130 Founder members in 1947, the association has seen substantial growth, boasting a current membership exceeding 3100 individuals, with over 70 percent holding Life Memberships. In terms of categories, Professionals & Planners constitute about 50 percent of the total membership, followed by RE Category (28%), DI (14%), and MP (8%). This diverse membership structure reflects IDA's commitment to inclusivity and engaging stakeholders from various sectors of the dairy industry.

**Advisory Commissions:** As per the proviso contained in 4.1 of the Memorandum of Association of IDA, four Advisory Commissions were constituted in April 2004 with well-defined role and responsibilities under the Chairmanship of Late Dr. N.R. Bhasin, the then Vice President of IDA.

- (I) Technology and Engineering,
- (II) Milk production and Farmers' issues
- (III) Trade, Marketing, Networking and Information
- (IV) Quality and Regulatory Affairs

The Advisory Commissions were constituted with following broad objectives:

- to serve as a think tank for dairy development;
- to enable IDA to keep abreast of the developments worldwide;
- to pursue the recommendations emerging at the Dairy Industry Conference/Seminars/Symposia etc. Based on recommendations, IDA may coordinate between the various institutions involved in policy formulation and development strategies;
- to identify and utilise the available expertise in the relevant fields; and
- broadly to serve as Standing Committees for the above-mentioned purposes.

Four monographs under "**Technology and Engineering Commission**" chaired by Dr. Sushil Kumar, Former Director, NDRI, were published in 2007, namely: Paneer Manufacturing, Khoa Manufacturing, Utilization of Whey and Chhana Manufacturing.

**Contributions to Policy Development:** Over the decades, the Indian Dairy Association has been actively involved in constructive engagement with policymakers, advocating for policies that would positively impact the dairy sector. This advocacy extends to addressing a gamut of issues, ranging from milk production, processing, and marketing to taxation structures, import/export policies, and overall industry sustainability. An integral part of this engagement involves presenting the views of the dairy industry to the Finance Ministry before

the Union Government's annual General Budget. These submissions, focusing on tax structures related to milk production, processing, value addition, packaging, and dairy machinery, among others, aim to contribute valuable insights during pre-budget discussions. Notably, several suggestions from IDA have been acknowledged and implemented by the government, demonstrating the association's significant role in influencing policies for the betterment of the overall dairy industry.

At the international level, the Indian Dairy Association (IDA) has consistently made concerted efforts to showcase the development of the Indian dairy sector at various global forums and stay connected with global discourse on dairy industry advancements. This includes active participation in the International Dairy Federation (IDF) World Dairy Summit. Representatives from IDA, including the President, Vice President, and Zonal Chairmen, have played key roles in these global events. Notable instances include their participation in the IDF World Dairy Summit held in China (2006), Daejeon, South Korea (2018), Istanbul, Turkey (2019), and Chicago, Illinois, USA (2023). The IDA took an active part in the hosting of IDF conferences in India during the years 1974 and 2022.

**Technology adaption:** In tandem with global Information Technology advancements, the Indian Dairy Association has proactively embraced technological changes in its operations. Over the years, both at the central headquarters and zonal levels, IDA has organized virtual conferences, featuring eminent speakers from various parts of the country and overseas, to share insights on diverse aspects of dairy industry development. Particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, these virtual conferences proved to be invaluable, enabling the association to continue its activities seamlessly. A noteworthy milestone in IDA's technology adoption journey was the implementation of end-to-end encrypted electronic voting for the elections to the Central Executive Committee (CEC) at the headquarters and Executive Committees at the zonal level (ZECs). This electronic voting system was successfully implemented in 2022 for the CEC elections and subsequently in the ZEC elections, marking a significant step toward efficient and secure democratic processes and transparency within the association.

### Presidents of the Indian Dairy Association

Over the remarkable 75-year journey of the Indian Dairy Association (IDA), individuals of profound eminence, both nationally and internationally, have adorned the role of President, infusing the association with exemplary vision, unwavering commitment, and invaluable guidance. These leaders, renowned for their commitment

### Presidents of the Indian Dairy Association Since its Inception

SI No.	Name	Period
1.	Sir. Datar Singh	1948 - 54
2.	Shri K.P.Damle	1955 - 56
3.	Dr. K.C.Sen	1956 - 57
4.	Dr. L.C.Sikka	1958 - 59
5.	Dr. Z.R.Kothavalla	1960 - 61
6.	Shri D.N. Khurody	1962 - 63
7.	Dr. V. Kurien	1964 - 65
8.	Dr. S.C. Ray	1966 and 1977 - 78
9.	Dr. K.K. Iya	1967
10.	Dr. P. Bhattacharya	1968 - 72 and 1985
11.	Shri G. Gopinath	1973 - 75
12.	Shri P.H. Bhatt	1979 - 82
13.	Shri A.K. Raychaudhari	1983 - 84
15.	Shri B.P.S. Puri	1985 - 86
16.	Dr. R. Nagarcenkar	1987 - 90
17.	Dr. R.P. Aneja	1990 - 91 and 1993 - 94
18.	Dr. R.K. Patel	1991 - 93
19.	Shri Animesh Banerjee	1994 - 2007
20.	Dr. N.R. Bhasin	July 2007 - Dec 2016
21.	Shri Arun Narke	Jan 2017 - Jan 2018
22.	Dr. G.S. Rajorhia	Feb 2018 - Aug 2022
23.	Dr. R.S. Sodhi	Sep 2022 - Continuing

to excellence, have been pivotal in propelling IDA to the forefront of the dairy industry, both nationally and globally. Their strategic foresight and adept decision-making have not only facilitated the association's growth but have also positioned it as one of the strongest and most influential bodies in the dairy sector. The legacy of success left by these Presidents serves as a testament to IDA's enduring commitment to excellence, ensuring that it continues to be a dynamic force, steering the Indian dairy industry toward new horizons both at home and on the international stage.



Sir. Datar Singh  
First President of IDA



Dr. R.S. Sodhi  
Current President of IDA



**Journey of the IDA Publications**

**Indian Journal of Dairy Science (IJDS):** Publication of a scientific journal is imperative for any scientific association to effectively disseminate research findings and knowledge. The visionary founding members of the Indian Dairy Science Association demonstrated remarkable foresight by prioritizing the creation of a high-standard scientific journal as one of the initial tasks after the association's formation. Recognizing the importance of sharing dairy science advancements, they aimed to produce a publication that would command respect both nationally and internationally. The decision to make the journal quarterly underscored their commitment to regular and comprehensive coverage. This commitment materialized in June 1948 when the first issue of the journal was published, marking a significant step in contributing to the scientific discourse in the field of dairy science. Subsequently, IJDS became a bi-monthly publication under the Editorship of Dr. M.K. Rama Murthy in the year 1990 to overcome the backlog of scientific publications.

**Indian Dairyman:** While the priority was given to bringing out a scientific journal, the founding members of the Association were well aware of the need to have a communication medium that would convey in simple and non-technical language, the results of research findings and other technical developments in the dairy sector to lay entrepreneurs who form the backbone of India's dairy industry. Within two years of the formation of IDSA, a sub-committee was constituted to look into ways, means, and forms in which to bring out this non-technical publication. Constrained by lack of adequate finances the Association was bogged down to bring out the publication on its own. However, the strong determination of the founding members and considering the recommendation of the sub-committee to go ahead with the publication, a decision was taken to bring out the publication now familiarly known as "Indian Dairyman" in conjunction with the existing bulletin of Bangalore Dairy Cattle Society under the joint management of the Society and IDSA. For this to happen, it was the gratefulness of Rajasevasakta A.K.Yegna Narayan Aiyer, the then President of Bangalore Dairy Cattle Society, who not only agreed to become the first Chief Editor of Indian Dairyman but also paved the way for the complete incorporation of the Society's bulletin into Indian Dairyman. On the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee year, the Indian Dairy Association gratefully remembers and salutes him for his instrumental role in this venture. Today Indian Dairyman is circulated in more than 90 countries across the globe.

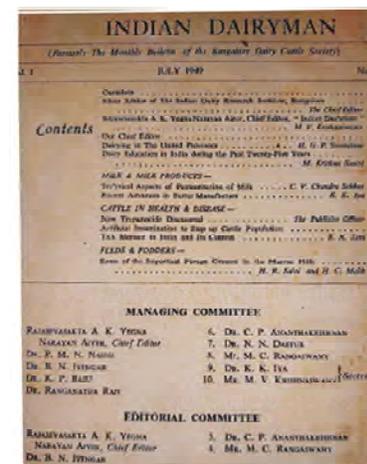
**Rajasevasakta A.K. Yegna Narayan Aiyer, M.A., DIP. AgR. (CANTAB.), N.D.D. (ENG.)**



**First Chief Editor, Indian Dairyman**

Born on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1878 in Tinnevely District, educated in Hindu College and the Presidency College, Madras, came out with distinction as a Gold Medalist in Chemistry, joined the Mysore Agricultural Department in 1901 as Assistant Agricultural Chemist and served as such till 1909. Deputed by the Government for foreign studies, he was one of the first Indians to take a National

Diploma in Dairying. After taking also the Cambridge Diploma in Agriculture he made an extensive tour of Europe and America, returned to the Department, where he was appointed Deputy Director, rose to be the Director of Agriculture, and retired after a service of 35 years. After retirement had a very busy time



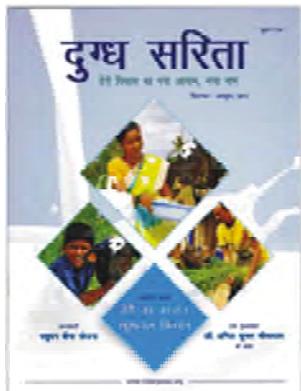
**Maiden Issue of Indian Dairyman**

rendering public service in the cause of Dairying, cooperation, and Agriculture. His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore in recognition conferred upon him the title of "Rajasevasakta"

"Indian Dairyman" has evolved significantly over the years, experiencing transformative changes in both its appearance and content. Widely regarded as the industry's mouthpiece, the publication is eagerly anticipated by all segments of the dairy industry, reflecting its impact and relevance. The credit for ensuring the consistent publication and the substantial transformation of the magazine largely goes to the late Shri Animesh Banerjee, who held the position of President at the Indian Dairy Association (IDA) for the longest tenure to date. His dedication and leadership played a pivotal role in maintaining the continuity and enhancing the quality and reach of "Indian Dairyman," contributing to its status as a crucial resource within the dairy community.

**Dugdh Sarita:** The widely acclaimed publication "Indian

Dairyman" garnered praise from a diverse array of stakeholders. However, a significant viewpoint emerged from dairy farmers, particularly those from Hindi-speaking states, expressing a desire for a publication in Hindi. They felt that their limited proficiency in English hindered effective communication and understanding of the content. This feedback prompted the Indian Dairy Association (IDA) to consider the necessity of launching a publication in Hindi. After extensive deliberation by the Central Executive Committee and subsequent approval by the General Body, the decision to introduce



the Hindi publication "Dugdh Sarita" was made. Launched on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, with the inaugural issue unveiled by Dr. S.S.Honnappagol, Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Government of India. Dr. Jagdeep Saxena was honored as the first Chief Editor of this publication, marking a significant step in making valuable

information more accessible to a wider audience.

**Dairy Industry Conference (DIC):** Initially, the Indian Dairy Science Association (IDSA) primarily focused on disseminating scientific knowledge and advancements in the dairy industry through its two published journals. Despite this emphasis, the association remained cognizant of its objective to provide opportunities for the exchange of knowledge and ideas among individuals interested in dairy research. The need to create a common platform for researchers, practitioners, managers, industrialists, and entrepreneurs to share insights and collaborate became apparent. However, financial constraints hindered the realization of such events until the early sixties. In response to a call from the Government of India, IDSA collaborated to organize the Annual Dairy Industry Conference (DIC). The first two conferences were held in association with the Board of Dairy Education, Government of India, while subsequent conferences were independently organized by IDSA. The inaugural DIC took place at Hesaragatta Farm, Bangalore, Mysore State, from February 5-8, 1964, attracting approximately 150 delegates. Shri. A. Thomas, Union Minister for Food, delivered the inaugural address, marking the commencement of a series of conferences that would become instrumental in fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange within the dairy industry.

Over the years, the Annual Dairy Industry Conference

(DIC) has evolved into a highly anticipated event within various segments of the Indian dairy sector, drawing enthusiastic participation from researchers, dairy professionals, entrepreneurs, industrialists, dairy federations, policymakers, and farmers alike. Since its inception in Bangalore, the DIC has witnessed remarkable growth in scale, format, delegate participation, and technical sessions. Recognizing the active involvement and keen interest of grassroots dairy farmers across India, the Central Executive Committee of the (IDA) made a significant decision to include an exclusive session for the benefit of dairy farmers immediately following the inaugural session of the conference. This thoughtful initiative which was initiated at the DIC held in Bangalore in the year 2010 has been consistently implemented in subsequent DICs, providing a platform for farmers to actively engage and share their experiences and problems.

The inclusion of an exclusive exhibition has been a key highlight of each Dairy Industry Conference (DIC), providing a platform for exhibitors from various sectors of the dairy industry. This diverse range includes machinery and equipment manufacturers, packaging industry representatives, additives and supplements providers, and small entrepreneurs. The exhibition component has seen significant growth in magnitude over several editions of the DIC, with exhibitors actively competing to secure stalls at the earliest opportunity. This expansion underscores the increasing importance of the exhibition as a prime avenue for industry players

Zone	Year and Venue of DIC held
North	1967 (Lucknow); 1969 (Chandigarh); 1974 (Jaipur); 1976(Ludhiana); 1977 (Hisar); 1991(New Delhi); 1994(New Delhi); 1995(New Delhi); 1998(Karnal); 2003(Chandigarh); 2004(New Delhi); 2008(Varanasi); 2012(New Delhi); 2016(Karnal); 2020(Jaipur);
East	1965(Calcutta); 1972(Guwahati); 1984(Calcutta); 2000(Kolkata); 2006(Kolkata); 2011(Kolkata); 2015(Kolkata); 2019(Patna);
West	1966(Bombay);1970(Baroda); 1980(Pune); 1981(Ahmadabad); 1982(Indore); 1986(Anand); 1996(Anand); 2002 (Mumbai); 2009(Goa); 2013(Mumbai); 2017(Mumbai); 2023(Gandhinagar)
South	1964(Bangalore); 1968(Hyderabad); 1971(Trivandrum); 1973(Madras); 1978(Bangalore); 1979 (Hyderabad); 1983(Madras); 1988 (Trivandrum); 1989(Hyderabad); 1997(Bangalore); 2005(Bengaluru); 2010(Bengaluru); 2014(Chennai); 2018(Kochi); 2024(Hyderabad)



to showcase their products, fostering networking, and promoting collaboration within the dynamic landscape of the dairy sector. The first exhibition of machinery commenced with the 5<sup>th</sup> DIC held in the year 1968 at Hyderabad.

Since its establishment in 1948, the Indian Dairy Science Association (IDSA) has accomplished the successful organization of 49 Dairy Industry Conferences in diverse cities across various states in India. The ongoing event in Hyderabad marks the significant milestone of the Golden Jubilee edition of the DIC. To ensure equitable opportunities for the four zonal units and their chapters in hosting the annual DIC, IDA has adopted a rotation policy. This policy dictates that each zone has the chance to host the DIC once every four years. Such a systematic rotation not only provides fair opportunities but also ensures that the valuable scientific findings and the latest developments in the dairy sector are disseminated to stakeholders across the entire country. This approach reflects IDSA's commitment to inclusivity and widespread knowledge sharing within the Indian dairy industry.

IDA has also instituted "Dr. Kurien Award" consisting of a memento, a citation and a cash prize of Rs. Two lakh to honour persons who have made significant contribution towards the development and growth of the Indian dairy industry. So far, 16 luminaries have been conferred with the award.

<b>DR. KURIEN AWARD WINNER</b>		
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Awardee</b>	<b>Year Conferred</b>
1.	Shri H.M. Dalaya	1991
2.	Dr. N.N. Dastur	1992
3.	Shri Motibhai R.Chaudhari	1993-94
4.	Babubhai Chunilal Bhatt	1993-94
5.	Dr. (Miss) Amrita Patel	1995-96
6.	Shri Arun D. Narke	1997-98
7.	Shri J.S. Shah	1999-2000
8.	Shri Sylvester Da Cunha	2001-02
9.	Shri S.K. Paramasivan	2009-10
10.	Shri Mandava Janaki Ramaiah	2011-12
11.	Shri Deepak Tikku	2012-13
12.	Shri Parthibhai Galababhai Bhatol	2015-16
13.	Shri P.T.Gopalakurup	2017-18
14.	Shri Narendra Balvantraai Vashi	2019-20
15.	Dr. Meenesh Shah	2022-23
16.	Shri Sangram R. Chaudhary	2022-23

Recognizing the outstanding contribution made by persons in the field of dairying, IDA has been conferring them with Patronship on the occasion of Dairy Industry Conferences since the year 1978. Here is the list of IDA Patrons to date:

<b>LIST OF PATRONSHIP</b>		
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Awardee</b>	<b>Year Conferred</b>
1.	Shri Tribhuvandas K Patel	1978
2.	Dr. Z.R. Kothavalla	1978
3.	Dr. Maganbhai D Patel	1979
4.	Dr. Lall Chand Sikka	1979
5.	Dr. P. Bhattacharya	1979
6.	Dr. D.N. Khurody	1979
7.	Dr. V. Kurien	1981
8.	Shri B. Sivaraman	1986
9.	Dr. K.K. Iya	2005
10.	Dr. (Miss) Amrita Patel	2006
11.	Dr. R. Nagarcenkar	2013
12.	Dr. R.P. Aneja	2013
13.	Dr. K. Pradhan	2013
14.	Shri Animesh Banerjee	2017
15.	Dr. A.K. Srivastava	2017
16.	Dr. R. S. Sodhi	2017
17.	Dr. R. M. Acharya	2018
18.	Dr. R. S. Khanna	2018
19.	Shri R. G. Chandramaogan	2018
20.	Dr. Nagaraj V Belvadi	2019
21.	Dr. R. S. Gandhi	2023
22.	Dr. Abhijit Mitra	2023
23.	Shri Ajay Kumar Khosla	2024
24.	Dr. C.S. Prasad	2024

Further, the Association has been conferring 'Fellow' to persons since 1978 who have actively participated in the affairs of the Association and who have rendered valuable service to dairying and dairy industry by way of research, teaching, extension, administration and development. To date, 91 persons have been conferred as Fellow of IDA.

Women dairy farmers have long been the backbone of dairy farming in India, and their contributions continue to be invaluable. In recognition of their remarkable efforts, the Indian Dairy Association has been honoring the outstanding contributions of women dairy farmers since 2016. Each year, IDA selects one best woman dairy farmer from each zone and confers upon them the prestigious 'Women Dairy Farmer' award during



the annual Dairy Industry Conference. To date, 28 exceptional women dairy farmers from across the country have been bestowed with this esteemed award.

To encourage authors contributing research papers for publication in the Indian Journal of Dairy Science and articles in the Indian Dairyman, IDA has instituted awards for the 'Best Research Paper' and 'Best Article'. These awards are conferred upon the selected authors during the annual Dairy Industry Conference. This initiative aims to recognize and appreciate the significant contributions of authors towards advancing knowledge and disseminating valuable information within the dairy industry through their research papers and articles.

In its illustrious 75-year journey, the Indian Dairy Association has not only established itself as a reputable association but has also earned significant recognition in the national and international dairy sector. This achievement is attributed to the strong foundation laid by the founding members, whose dedication, vision, and unwavering efforts deserve unreserved praise and salutations, especially in this momentous platinum jubilee year celebration. The IDA has navigated through challenging moments, including hardships and financial constraints, emerging resilient and stronger. Now, it is

the responsibility of the current and future generations involved in dairy sector activities to continue striving for excellence, ensuring that the Indian Dairy Association attains even greater heights and garners acclaim worldwide.

### Acknowledgement

The tremendous support extended by Shri Narendra Kumar Pandey, Senior Executive (Publications) at IDA, New Delhi, in retrieving old documents, photographs, and relevant information from the archives of IDA publications and records is sincerely acknowledged. This invaluable assistance played a crucial role in ensuring the authenticity and informativeness of this write-up. Gratitude is also extended to Shri. Ajay Khosla and Shri. Arun Patil, Vice Presidents of IDA, who with their extensive experience with NDDDB and IDA, provided valuable insights into various events and developments throughout the association's growth.

Special thanks go to Dr. R.P. Aneja, one of the doyens of IDA and the Dairy Industry, who generously reviewed the draft of this write-up and provided encouragement for its publication. His guidance and support have been instrumental in shaping this comprehensive document.



## THE JHARKHAND STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' FEDERATION LTD.

Near Farmers Training Centre Campus,  
Sec-II, H.E.C., Dhurwa, Ranchi – 834004

Ph. No: 0651-2270046, Email: [purchase@jmf.coop](mailto:purchase@jmf.coop),  
Website <http://www.jmf.coop>



The Jharkhand State Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation Ltd (JMF) is an apex Co-operative organization for dairy development in the State of Jharkhand and is engaged in processing of milk & manufacturing of milk products under the brand name "**Medha**" and manufacturing of various types of supplements like Cattle Feed, Area Specific Mineral Mixture and Bye pass protein under the brand name of "**Medhadan/Medha Hypro**".

We intend to procure raw material for cattle feed, milk/milk commodities, food grade ingredients, packaging material, various types of chemicals, process instruments, several mechanical & electrical equipment and spares, SS Pipe and fittings, IT Hardware and its spares and software, laboratory equipment/glassware, various types of stationery items, printing material, transporters, oil & lubricants etc. on regular basis.

The interested reputed firms dealing in above material are requested to get themselves registered with us. For more details, please visit our website [www.jmf.coop](http://www.jmf.coop) and send us dully filled Registration Form along with the requisite documents as per prescribed format.

For any tenders and related information, interested parties may regularly visit our website: [www.jmf.coop](http://www.jmf.coop)