

IDA News

A Defining Moment for Dairy in Madhya Pradesh

A National Seminar was Jointly Organized by IDA (WZ) and Vikram University in Ujjain

Madhya Pradesh's dairy sector stands at the cusp of transformation. With robust livestock resources, a strong cooperative backbone, and government intent aligning with institutional expertise, the stage is set for a dairy renaissance in the heart of India. Against this backdrop, the National Seminar on "**Dairy Development in Madhya Pradesh - Opportunities & Challenges**" was convened in Ujjain on 4th-5th July 2025, jointly organized by the Indian Dairy Association (West Zone) and Vikram University.



The seminar served as a multi-stakeholder platform aimed at knowledge exchange, policy dialogue, industry-academia collaboration, and farmer empowerment. It was attended by more than 350 delegates from the dairy industry, academia, farmer organizations, students, technocrats, and policymakers. Themed around emerging possibilities in dairy, the event also aligned with the broader vision of making Madhya Pradesh a significant contributor to India's dairy economy.

Inaugural Session

After the traditional invocation and the lighting of the



ceremonial lamp, dignitaries and esteemed guests were felicitated for their contributions to the dairy ecosystem. **Dr. Arpan Bhardwaj**, Hon. Vice Chancellor of Vikram University, welcomed the gathering with a visionary address, reiterating the university's commitment to supporting dairy development

through education and innovation.

Dr. J.B. Prajapati, Chairman of the IDA (West Zone), Mumbai, outlined the objectives of the seminar, emphasizing the importance of collaboration among stakeholders in advancing dairy in Madhya Pradesh. He also stressed the significance of dairy education and public awareness regarding the role of dairy in nutrition, public health, and social well-being.

Shri Sanjay Gupta, Commissioner of Ujjain Division and Guest of Honour, underlined the importance of integrating farmer-centric technologies and inclusive policy frameworks. **Shri Anil Jain Kaluheda**, MLA, Ujjain, and Chief Guest of the event, spoke about the dairy potential of Madhya Pradesh and reiterated the government's commitment to making the state the "Dairy Capital of India." The inaugural session concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by **Shri Madhav Patgaonkar**, Secretary of IDA (WZ), who acknowledged the unwavering support of sponsors and collaborators.

Technical Sessions

The two-day seminar featured vibrant deliberations across multiple thematic tracks. **Session I**, chaired by **Dr. Alok Juneja** (BAIF), focused on animal husbandry, smart dairy farming, and government policies. The discussions covered genetics, nutrition, and preventive veterinary care as key factors in enhancing productivity. Emphasis was placed on sustainable practices, breed improvement, and timely interventions. Experts discussed the potential of AI-powered herd monitoring systems and IoT-enabled sensors to revolutionize dairy farming in Madhya Pradesh. Policy specialists shared insights on central and state schemes, particularly the recent partnership between the Government of Madhya Pradesh and NDDDB to strengthen the State Dairy Federation (Sanchi).



A key highlight of the session was the address by **Dr. Chandrakant Sant**, who drew attention back to the grassroots—the farmer and the cow. He shared actionable tips on better cattle care, emphasizing that healthy and happy

animals are the foundation of a profitable dairy enterprise. Dr. Pawan Patidar, State Head of MP, BAIF, discussed initiatives aimed at improving productivity and farm management practices in the state. Shri Mangalbhai Chaudhary, General Manager at Anik-Lactalis, shared his experience in milk procurement and dairy operations. Shri Ram Chandra Chaudhary, Chairman of Ajmer Milk Union, advocated for castrating stray bulls and promoting breeding with proven genetics. He also narrated the success story of Ajmer Union.

Session II featured discussions by dairy entrepreneurs and brands including Siddhi Vinayak Milk



Products, Shubham Food, Shridhi, Amul, and Ujjain Dughd Sangh, who shared procurement strategies, market trends, and innovative product developments. The

session was chaired by **Dr. J.V. Parekh**, Vice Chairman of IDA (WZ).

Session III, chaired by **Shri Arun Patil**, Vice President of IDA, New Delhi, involved technology providers such as DeLaval, Aamikza, Ice Make, and Benny Impex. These companies showcased automation tools, testing equipment, and cold chain solutions. All participating companies had set up stalls to present their products and solutions to farmers, students, and delegates, thereby



enhancing their understanding of technological innovations. The session served as a robust demonstration of how modern technologies can improve efficiency, milk quality, and farmer profitability.

Public Awareness and the Role of Dairy in Health and Livelihood

Session IV, chaired by **Shri K. Shyju**, Vice Chairman of



IDA (WZ), focused on public awareness regarding dairy nutrition, health, and livelihood. Designed to increase understanding of dairy products among the general public, this session welcomed doctors, students, and other opinion-makers. Experts debunked myths surrounding dairy and countered misleading narratives related to plant-based alternatives. Presentations underscored the unique nutritional value of milk proteins and their vital role in combating malnutrition and promoting wellness.

Dr. J.B. Prajapati addressed the group on the nutritional benefits of milk and its role in tackling malnutrition. He urged the audience to challenge confusion spread by vegan and plant-based lobbies. Referring to the research of Dr. Mohan, he clarified that milk is not responsible for causing diabetes; rather, it helps control it. Dr. K.D. Aparanti, former Head of Dairy Chemistry at AAU Anand, gave an enlightening presentation on the superior nutritional value of milk protein compared to plant-based alternatives. He supported his claims with scientific data, including DIAAS scores, to demonstrate that milk is a high-quality protein source essential for growth, immunity, and cognitive development.

Shri Kuldeep Sharma, a prominent figure in India's dairy industry, addressed global concerns around sustainability, nutrition, and livelihoods. He expressed concern about internal voices echoing external criticisms labeling dairy as "cruel" or "unnatural." He urged the industry to remain unified and to view all dairy initiatives from the cow's perspective to ensure inclusive and sustainable growth.

Dr. Sarang Phophaly of Dairy Science College, Raipur, delivered a detailed presentation on food safety, focusing on HACCP, ISO standards, and SOPs required to meet global dairy industry expectations.

Dairy Education and Human Resource Development

Session V, chaired by **Dr. R.R.B. Singh**, Vice Chancellor of K.U. Durg University, focused on dairy education, human resource development, and training needs.



Dr. Bimlesh Mann, ADG at ICAR, discussed the New Education Policy and its relevance to dairy education. Dr. Sudhir Uprit, Dean of Dairy Science College, Raipur, introduced the launch of a B.Tech. course in Dairy Technology at Vikram University—the first of its kind in Madhya Pradesh. He emphasized that the New Education Policy promotes industry-academia linkages and outcome-based learning, preparing students for real-world challenges. He also highlighted the urgent need for trained dairy technologists in the state, given the government's expansion plans.

Shri Divyesh Chouhan from Vidya Dairy explained how the dairy plant is operated entirely by B.Tech. students of Dairy Science College in Anand, serving as a model of experiential learning. Dr. Pranali Nikam of Dairy Science College, Raipur, presented new innovations in adulteration testing, including a newly developed paper strip that can detect six types of adulterants within seconds—an affordable and consumer-friendly solution.

The session was widely appreciated for rekindling public trust in milk, especially among students and young attendees. It added a much-needed human and nutritional perspective to the otherwise industry-centric dialogue. The launch of dairy-specific educational programs is expected to bridge the talent gap and create

new opportunities in production, processing, quality assurance, and marketing.

Valedictory Session

The Valedictory session was chaired by the **Chief Guest, Sabhapati Smt. Kalavati Yadav**. In her inspiring address, she



envisioned Ujjain becoming the "Milk Capital of Madhya Pradesh," drawing a parallel to Indore's

national recognition in cleanliness. Dr. Arpan Bhardwaj reaffirmed Vikram University's commitment to expanding education and research in dairy science and allied fields, aiming to build a future-ready academic ecosystem.

Other dignitaries present included Dr. J.B. Prajapati, Chairman of IDA (WZ); Shri Arun Patil, Vice President of IDA; Shri J.R. Daruwala, Organizing Secretary; Shri Madhav Patgaonkar, Secretary of IDA (WZ); and Dr. Kamlesh Dashora of Vikram University. The organizing committee expressed sincere gratitude to the sponsors whose support enabled insightful discussions, live demonstrations, and valuable networking opportunities throughout the seminar.

The Ujjain seminar was more than just a conference—it was a clarion call for unified action. With Vikram University setting a new benchmark in dairy education and IDA (WZ) championing industry-wide collaboration, the foundation for Madhya Pradesh's dairy revolution has been firmly established. The journey from potential to performance begins now. As many participants echoed during the event: "With the right direction, Madhya Pradesh can be the dairy powerhouse India needs."



Southern Dairy and Food Conclave 2026

The Indian Dairy Association - Kerala Chapter is pleased to announce the second edition of the Southern Dairy Summit, titled the Southern Dairy and Food Conclave 2026 (SDFC-2026), scheduled to be held from January 8 to 10, 2026, in the historic city of Kozhikode (Calicut), Kerala. The theme of the Conclave is **"Transforming Dairy and Food Systems for Global Health"**.

The proposed venue for the event is the Calicut Trade Centre, which will be ceremonially renamed as Verghese Kurien Nagar during the conclave, in honor of Padma Vibhushan Dr. Verghese Kurien, the visionary architect of India's White Revolution, who was born in Kozhikode. This year's conclave introduces Dairy as a core component alongside Food, acknowledging the growing interconnection between these two vital sectors. The event aims to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders from across Southern India - including industry leaders, academicians, researchers, entrepreneurs, farmers, and policymakers - to foster innovation, share knowledge, and explore collaborative opportunities.

Key Highlights of SDFC-2026

January 8, 2026 - Pre-Conference Day:

- Student and research paper presentations, young scientist forums, startup showcases in dairy and food, and innovative business idea sessions.

January 9-10, 2026 - Main Conclave:

- Techno-commercial presentations, scientific sessions, poster discussions, farmer-interactive forums, and a comprehensive display of dairy and food products, equipment, and innovations.
- Padma Talk:
A special commemorative session, "Padma Talk," will be organized to honor Dr. Verghese Kurien and his enduring legacy.

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NATIONAL News

Milch Animal Husbandry: Government Initiatives and Schemes

To support and strengthen the Animal Husbandry sector, especially for the development of milch animals, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing multiple schemes in coordination with State Governments and Union Territories. The key initiatives include:

Rashtriya Gokul Mission

Focused on conserving indigenous breeds, improving genetic potential, and increasing milk productivity. Major interventions:

- Nationwide Artificial Insemination Programme.
- Progeny Testing and Pedigree Selection for high-merit bulls.
- IVF and sex-sorted semen for accelerated genetic gain.
- Genomic Selection for cattle and buffalo improvement.
- Training MAITRIs for delivering AI services at farmers' doorstep.

National Livestock Mission

Aims at breed improvement and entrepreneurship in poultry, sheep, goat, piggery, and fodder development. Revised in 2024 to include horse, donkey, mule, and camel for holistic livestock development.

National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD)

- **Component A:** Strengthening infrastructure for milk testing and chilling.
- **Component B:** Boosting milk sales through cooperative dairying, market access, processing, and producer organization capacity building.

Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme

Supports vaccination, disease surveillance, veterinary infrastructure, and training. A new Pashu Aushadhi component ensures affordable generic veterinary medicines via PM-Kisan Samridhhi Kendras and cooperatives.

Direct Support Schemes

Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF): 3% interest subvention for infrastructure to link producers to markets.

Supporting Dairy Cooperatives & FPOs (SDCFPO): Interest subvention for working capital loans to dairy cooperatives during adverse conditions.

These efforts were detailed in a written reply by Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel, Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, in the Lok Sabha on 22nd July 2025.

Shri Amit Shah Launches Sardar Patel Cooperative Dairy Federation in Gujarat



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the Sardar Patel Cooperative Dairy Federation Limited (SPCDF) in Anand, Gujarat, marking a significant milestone in the celebration of four years of the Ministry of Cooperation and the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The event, organized by GCMMF, saw the unveiling of SPCDF's logo and a strong reaffirmation of the government's commitment to strengthening the cooperative movement in India.

Shri Shah virtually launched the expansion of Amul's Chocolate Plant at Mogar and Cheese Plant at Khatraj, built at Rs. 105 crore and Rs. 260 crore respectively. These projects will double the chocolate production capacity to 60 tonnes/day and introduce advanced facilities like mozzarella cheese and whey-based drink production. He also inaugurated NDDB's Ready-to-Use Culture Plant (Rs. 45 crore), Maniben Patel Bhawan, NCDFI's new headquarters (Rs. 32 crore), and laid the foundation of NDDB's upcoming office building.

Emphasizing the government's vision, Shri Shah outlined the "**Five Ps**" guiding the cooperative sector: People, PACS, Platform, Policy, and Prosperity. He highlighted how initiatives under this vision are empowering over 56 lakh women across India, generating an annual

turnover of Rs. 80,000 crore, expected to cross Rs. 1 lakh crore next year.

The SPCDF is poised to replicate the Amul model, ensuring a circular economy through organized markets, fair milk procurement, and value-added services. The Union Minister also stressed the need for transparency, adoption of technology, and member-centric governance as core principles during the International Year of Cooperatives.

The event was attended by Gujarat CM Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel, several Union Ministers, and key cooperative leaders,

further underscoring the collaborative effort to elevate India's dairy and cooperative sectors to new heights.



NDDB Organized Event “Saksham: Nurturing Women Leaders” in Kolkata



As part of its Diamond Jubilee celebrations and the International Year of Cooperatives, NDDB organized the event '**Saksham: Nurturing Women Leaders**' in Kolkata to recognize and promote the role of women in India's dairy sector. NDDB Chairman Dr. Meenesh C Shah, along with key dignitaries and women dairy farmers from eastern India, highlighted the critical contributions of women across the dairy value chain and the need to elevate them into leadership and governance roles within cooperatives.

Dr. Shah emphasized the gaps in women's representation in decision-making structures despite their significant operational involvement. He discussed NDDB's efforts under White Revolution 2.0 to establish women-led cooperatives, particularly in Eastern and North-Eastern India, by offering training, infrastructure, and market access.

He also spoke on technological initiatives like indigenous embryo development, sex-sorted semen, clean energy solutions, and genomic tools to enhance productivity and sustainability. Additionally, he shared NDDB's support for women-led organic farming ventures in Meghalaya, promoting income diversification and rural resilience.

Dr. Shah reaffirmed NDDB's commitment to empowering women through institutional development, technical training, and financial inclusion, expressing optimism about their role in shaping the future of India's dairy cooperative movement.

Chairman, NDDB Honoured with Visionary Leadership Award 2025



Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce and Industry and Shri Nayab Singh Saini, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana conferred the Visionary Leadership Award 2025 on Dr. Meenesh Shah, Chairman, NDDB at the 16th Agriculture Leadership Conclave organised by the Agriculture Today

Group in New Delhi on 9th July, 2025.

The prestigious award, presented to Dr. Meenesh Shah, is a testament to his exceptional leadership and transformative contributions to the dairy and allied sectors. His steadfast commitment to advancing technology-driven, farmer-focused solutions has played a key role in enhancing rural livelihoods and shaping the trajectory of India's agricultural economy. Dr. Shah's dedication to fostering agricultural development and promoting rural prosperity is truly admirable.

Expressing his gratitude, Chairman, NDDB said, "I am deeply honoured and sincerely thankful to the Awards Committee, chaired by Hon'ble Justice P Sathasivam,



former Chief Justice of India, for bestowing this award upon me in recognition of my contributions to society and the dairy sector. This honour instils in me an even greater sense of responsibility to continue working

tirelessly to bring joy and prosperity to our farmers. I dedicate this Award to all the farmers, dairy cooperatives and my colleagues at NDDDB and its subsidiaries - this recognition is as much yours as it is mine."

Nationwide Artificial Insemination Programme Status

Under the Nationwide Artificial Insemination Programme (NAIP), artificial insemination services are provided free of cost at the farmers' doorstep in districts where AI coverage is below 50%.

The details of number of farmers supported under NAIP during the last five years, state-wise is given in the table.
(Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in>)

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF NATIONWIDE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION PROGRAMME (NAIP)				
Sl. No.	State/UT	Nationwide Artificial Insemination Programme		
		Animal Covered	AI Done	Farmers Benefitted
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7271593	13534121	3385494
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3896	4553	1808
3.	Assam	1728956	2259202	1469462
4.	Bihar	3939394	5426332	2699120
5.	Chhattisgarh	1899186	2555961	1136298
6.	Goa	25869	43346	8741
7.	Gujarat	5851560	9414998	3472009
8.	Haryana	616051	888738	447974
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1826836	2984525	1333501
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	2378443	4258437	1610132
11.	Jharkhand	2687916	3606125	1820869
12.	Karnataka	8316189	16365745	5213640
13.	Ladakh	7409	9374	6049
14.	Madhya Pradesh	7897299	9691938	4677115
15.	Maharashtra	5657630	7673491	3660588
16.	Manipur	27786	32608	16248
17.	Meghalaya	51326	85953	16630
18.	Mizoram	8712	12650	3989
19.	Nagaland	41209	53282	16966
20.	Odisha	4918641	6635012	3074382
21.	Punjab	1195739	1896192	636970
22.	Rajasthan	5952426	7869493	4138417
23.	Sikkim	43868	54931	33777
24.	Tamil Nadu	5043636	8532152	2338501
25.	Telangana	3244563	4237569	1665755
26.	Tripura	248420	333665	209181
27.	Uttar Pradesh	14015463	22167599	7892528
28.	Uttaranchal	1511187	2447353	1064152
29.	West Bengal	5218518	8166218	3437398
Total		91629721	141241563	55487694

Milky Mist Files Draft Papers for Rs. 2,035 crore IPO



Milky Mist Dairy Food has filed preliminary papers with the SEBI to raise funds up to Rs. 2,035 crore via

initial public offering (IPO). The IPO will be a combination of fresh issuance of equity shares worth Rs. 1,785 crore and an offer-for-sale of shares worth Rs. 250 crore by promoters Shri Sathishkumar T, and Anitha S.

Further, the company may consider fund raising up to Rs. 357 crore in pre-IPO round. If it manages to mobilise funds via pre-IPO placement, the fresh issue size will be reduced to the extent of said amount.

Milky Mist makes various value-added dairy products such as cheese, paneer, butter, curd, ghee, yogurt, ice cream, frozen foods, ready-to-eat and ready-to-cook products, as well as chocolates under its brand Milky Mist.

Milky Mist brand plans to utilise Rs. 750 crore out of fresh issue proceeds for repaying debt. "As of May 2025, the aggregate outstanding borrowings were Rs. 1,454.8 crore on a consolidated basis," the company in its DRHP said.

Further, Rs 414.7 crore will be used for the expansion and modernisation of Perundurai manufacturing facility, and Rs. 129.4 crore for deployment of Visi coolers, ice cream freezers and chocolate coolers. The remainder amount will be utilised for general corporate purposes.

On the financial front, Milky Mist has recorded profit at Rs. 46 crore for the fiscal 2025, growing 137 percent over Rs 19.4 crore in the previous year. Revenue during the same period soared 29 percent to Rs. 2,349.5 crore, up from Rs. 1,821.6 crore.

Amul, Mother Dairy, Nandini Dominate 2025 Brand Finance Rankings

Amul has retained its position as India's top food brand with a brand value of \$4.1 billion, according to the Brand Finance India 100 – 2025 report. Delhi-NCR-based

Mother Dairy secured the second spot with a brand value of \$1.15 billion, moving up from third place last year.



Britannia ranked third among India's top food brands,

followed by Karnataka-based dairy cooperative **Nandini** in fourth place and **Dabur** in fifth. The rankings were published by UK-based Brand Finance, an independent brand valuation and strategy consultancy. Among India's top 100 brands across sectors, Amul was ranked 17th while Mother Dairy climbed to the 35th position, up from 41st in 2024.



The Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), which owns the Amul brand, said in a statement that the recognition underscores its commitment to providing high-quality, affordable food and dairy products. It reflects the collective efforts of millions of dairy farmers and our unwavering commitment to providing high-quality, affordable food and dairy products to consumers," said Shri Jayen Mehta, MD, GCMMF.

Mother Dairy's MD, Shri Manish Bandlish, also welcomed the recognition, saying, "This recognition is both a reflection and a testament to our collective efforts — a heartfelt thank you to our consumers, farmers, partners, and employees — this recognition belongs to each one of you." He further noted, "Our rise among Top 5 Indian Food Brands and also in India's Top 100 brands across industries reflects more than numbers — it reflects the trust earned, relevance sustained, and the resilience of a brand that continues to evolve."

FDA Announces Plans to Revoke 52 Standards of Identity for Food Products

FDA released a press release recently which announced it was either revoking or proposing to revoke fifty-two "obsolete and unnecessary" standards of identity (SOI) for various food products including SOIs for canned fruits and vegetables, dairy products, baked goods, and macaroni products.

FDA published a direct final rule which revoked "standards for eleven types of canned fruits and vegetables that are no longer sold in U.S. grocery stores," seven of which were for fruits containing saccharin or sodium saccharin. FDA also issued a companion proposed rule in case the direct final rule is withdrawn.

FDA published two other proposed rules, which would revoke SOIs. One proposed rule would revoke SOIs for

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eighteen types of dairy products, while the other would revoke standards for twenty-three types of food products including "bakery products, macaroni and noodle products, canned fruit juices, fish and shellfish, and food dressings and flavorings."

The press release notes that this initiative aligns with President Trump's Executive Order 14192 "Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation," which requires executive agencies to identify at least ten existing regulations to be repealed whenever it "promulgates a new regulation."

Delhi CM Proposes Bio-CNG Plants Near Dairy Clusters

Delhi Chief Minister Smt. Rekha Gupta has called for the identification of suitable land near urban dairy clusters to establish bio-CNG plants, promoting conversion of dairy and wet waste into clean energy. The government will work closely with Delhi's Milk & Dairy Development Department and the Municipal Corporation to locate sites capable of processing dairy effluent and cattle dung, integrating them with existing solid waste treatment systems.

Under this proposed model, dairy cluster by-products would be co-digested with urban wet waste in anaerobic digesters (200-300 T/day). The resulting bio-CNG would fuel public and municipal vehicles, support city heating, and enhance energy self-sufficiency.

This initiative aligns with existing efforts—three bio-CNG plants are already in development in Narela Ghogha, Okhla, and Hastal, processing 100-300 T/day of wet waste and producing approximately 8 T/day of bio-CNG per plant. Integrating dairy waste is expected to boost gas yield and reduce environmental footprint, offering dairy farmers a sustainable waste management solution while cutting Delhi's methane emissions.

For dairy processors and co-op federations, this presents an opportunity to monetize waste streams, participate in circular bio-economy projects, and secure alternative revenue from CNG credits.



GST Council may Bring Relief to Dairy Products

In a major boost for the dairy sector, the GST Council is reportedly preparing a reduction in GST rates on key household consumables—potentially extending benefits to milk, curd, paneer, and other dairy items. The proposal, announced shortly after income-tax relief to middle-class consumers, would ease the tax burden on pre-packaged dairy, currently attracting up to 5% GST. The move aims to bring down retail prices and boost demand for value-added dairy products—a segment key to the sector's growth.

Lower GST will directly benefit consumers, improving affordability for staple dairy items, while also supporting front-line DDAs and co-operatives. The likely rationalization could also spur investments across the cold chain and product innovation, enhancing supply resilience and scaling up export readiness.

A GST rate cut on dairy staples would strengthen rural milk off-take and enhance competitiveness of value-added products. It's a timely move that supports affordability while also incentivizing investment in the dairy value chain.

Tripura Now Offers India's Highest Purchase Price for Farmers' Milk



Tripura has set a record of sorts in terms of setting administered price of milk per litre supplied state-wide by the Gomati Milk Producers Co-operative Union. With the latest hike in administered price by Rs 7.60 per litre of cow milk, Tripura now sells milk at the highest price of Rs 83.60 per litre now. This has come to the fore from the recent pricing information provided by National Co-operative Dairy Federation of India. Milk per litre now is the costliest in India and this has happened because of the administered price rise by Rs 23.60 per litre over the past three years and half.

Speaking on the issue the Chairman of the Gomati Milk Producers Co-operative Union Shri Ratan Ghosh attributed the latest price hike of 10% to rising cost of cow feed, dairy goods, fuel and expansion of welfare measures for milk producers. "We could not help raising prices because of sharp rise in input costs; rise will be effective for gold packets while we will try to reduce the prices of other brands of Gomati" said Shri Ratan Ghosh. He added that the milk producers are being given cow-feed at subsidized prices and running the plant at higher electricity cost also made our decision unavoidable.

Odisha Govt to Distribute 10k High-Yielding Cows to Farmers

Under the 'Mukhyamantri Kamadhenu Yojana', Odisha will distribute 10,000 high-yielding cows-including Gir, Sahiwal, and cross-breeds-to farmers, supported through a MoU between NDDDB and OMFED. NDDDB will supply 3,000-4,000 of these cows, and assist in setting up cow-dung biogas plants for sustainable energy and additional farmer income.



The initiative includes the launch of 22 milk tankers (2,000-15,000 L capacity) and three advanced milk powder packaging machines, with investments totalling Rs.11 crore. Current milk production in Odisha is 72 lakh litre/day, with ambitious targets of 165 lakh litre/day by 2036 and 274 lakh litre/day by 2047. A MoU also ensures around 30 MT of ghee supply to the Shree Jagannath Temple. The program offers 70% financial aid, benefiting over 15 lakh cattle rearers, with Rs.71 crore disbursed to 3 lakh beneficiaries in FY 2024-25.

Combining breed enhancement, infrastructure upgrades, and bioenergy integration under the Kamadhenu Scheme marks a holistic, value-added strategy-propelling Odisha's dairy evolution and rural income streams.

Dodla Dairy to Acquire HR Food Processing in Expansion Move

Dodla Dairy's board has approved the acquisition of 100 percent equity in HR Food Processing, for a total value of Rs. 271 crore. The acquisition, approved during the board meeting was structured as a fully cash transaction and expected to be completed within one to two months from the date of signing the share purchase agreements and associated documents. According to the company's regulatory filing, the proposed deal values HR Food Processing at an enterprise value of Rs. 247.2 crore, with an additional Rs. 23.8 crore in net cash on the books of the target company.

Government of India Tightens Antibiotic Rules in Dairy and Poultry

In a significant step to curb rising antimicrobial resistance (AMR), the Government of India has initiated stricter controls on the use of antibiotics in the dairy and poultry sectors. The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (MoFAHD), in coordination with the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), is enforcing new guidelines that prohibit the indiscriminate use of antibiotics such as colistin and fluoroquinolones—commonly used in animal feed and disease prevention. These drugs are classified as "critically important" for human health by the WHO and are now being tightly regulated to ensure they're not misused in animal farming.

The initiative also includes awareness drives for farmers, training of veterinarians, and promoting alternatives such as probiotics and vaccines. A national surveillance network is being set up to track antibiotic residues in animal products, including milk. The move is seen as a response to growing international scrutiny over food safety standards and AMR risks in India's animal husbandry sector, especially after export barriers and red flags from global buyers over residues in dairy and poultry consignments.

These measures are expected to reshape on-farm practices and require significant investment in training, veterinary capacity, and testing infrastructure. Failure to comply could invite penalties and even impact export licenses.

Dairy processors must proactively adapt by ensuring residue-free milk supply through better farm-level protocols. This policy shift may raise short-term costs but will enhance product credibility, especially in global markets sensitive to AMR risks.



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cultural shift in Gujarat's dairy landscape, where traditional gender roles are being redefined through financial participation, governance, and voice in cooperative affairs.

This signals a promising model for gender equity in agribusiness. Stakeholders should prioritize inclusive training, leadership incubation, and targeted financial support to further scale women-led dairy entrepreneurship nationwide.

INTERNATIONAL News

International Dairy Market: USDA

As per the latest USDA data of July 7-18, 2025, international market overview are as follows:

EUROPEAN

Western European

Drought in Europe for mid-June shows slowly improving conditions in central Europe, while in eastern Europe the situation is continuously worsening. During a 10-day period in June, temperatures were above seasonal averages in most of southern Europe and in southern Scandinavia, with severe heatwaves in southern France and Italy.

The World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) acknowledged two outbreaks of Lumpy skin disease in Italy and France. This marks the first-ever occurrence of the disease in these countries. WOAH is actively monitoring.

Eastern Europe

According to CLAL data made available to USDA, the year-to-date milk deliveries and percentage changes from January -May 2025 for some of the top Eastern EU milk producers are Poland, 5,846,000 MT, +0.8 percent; Czech Republic, 1,423,000 MT, -1.8 percent; and Hungary, 777,000 MT, +3.0 percent.

OCEANIA DAIRY MARKET

New Zealand

New Zealand dairy farmers took advantage of strong milk prices throughout the 2024/25 marketing year to pay down debt and increase investments. Between October 2024 and March 2025, New Zealand dairy farmers paid down \$1.7 billion of debt according to a recent report. Combined with reduced interest payments due to the decline in interest rates from last year, this will allow for increased investment in farm operations and for farmers to manage uncertainty in the upcoming year.

Land is being purchased by farmers looking to expand existing operations or by contractors hoping to establish their own dairy farms.

At Global Dairy Trade (GDT) event 384, prices for most commodities exceeded industry expectations based on New Zealand dairy commodity futures prices. The strong performance indicates export demand remains elevated, especially from the North Asia and Southeast Asia/Oceania regions which combined to purchase 69 percent of the total product offered. Additionally, prices may be influenced by European supply concerns, where elevated temperatures and disease concerns are dampening milk output.

Following Global Dairy Trade (GDT) event 384, a group in New Zealand that forecasts milk prices increased their milk price forecast for the 2025/2026 season by 3 cents from \$10.08 per kilogram milk solids (kgMS) to \$10.11/kgMS. The spot value of milk increased to \$10.41/kgMS and the group noted that prices at GDT event 384 were above market expectations.

Australia

The June 2025 Production Inputs Monitor report was recently released by Dairy Australia. Except for Victoria, all Australian states recorded below-average rainfall totals in June, maintaining dry conditions throughout most of the country. Water storage levels remain below year-ago levels, providing support for higher temporary water prices. Drought conditions also increased hay prices, leading to higher feed prices, though wheat prices remained steady. Fertilizer prices increased in June due to tight global supplies. June culling rates decreased from May, but total culling volumes for the season remain above prior-season levels.

Dairy Australia recently released export data for Australia showing milk export volumes from July 2024 - May 2025 were 150,072 metric tons, down 11.3 percent from the same time period a year earlier.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) announced it would not block a large, non-Australian firm from purchasing several businesses belonging to an Oceania-based cooperative. A deal has yet to be made, but ACCC asserts such a merger would not significantly alter current market dynamics. At least one Australian dairy cooperative voiced concerns about the potential deal, arguing that concentration of market power will lead to lower prices for milk producers.

SOUTH AMERICA DAIRY MARKET

South American milk production is strengthening during their high season. Year-over-year production is up 11.7% through May 2025 for Argentina. Similar production trends are seen in Chile, with a 7.7% rise from last year. Industry sources indicate cow comfort is leading to better

milk output and higher composition of the milk.

Dairy production is up in the region for a variety of products in all classes. A recently published industry report highlights the efficiency and growth of the dairy industry in multiple South American Countries, focusing on feed efficiency and higher milk components.

Skim and whole milk powder demands for export are mixed. Some countries are seeing an increase in exports while others are decreasing. Stakeholders report that current pricing trends are falling this week. This is mostly due to the availability of products in the region during the high season. Contacts indicate that buyers are not very active and only buying to fill immediate needs.

Farm, Animal Husbandry Ministries Warn Against Duty Reliefs to US

During ongoing India-US interim trade deal negotiations in Washington, India's agricultural, animal husbandry, and fisheries ministries have taken a resolute position against cutting import duties on key farm products, including maize, soybean, skimmed milk powder (SMP), and poultry.

As the final phase of talks for a interim trade deal with the US is under way in Washington, official sources here

said that the Union ministries of agriculture, animal husbandry and fisheries said that they had taken "firm positions" against offering any import duty cuts to the US for key farm products.

Tariff cuts for maize, soybean, skimmed milk powder (SMP) and poultry products were demanded by the US under the proposed trade deal.

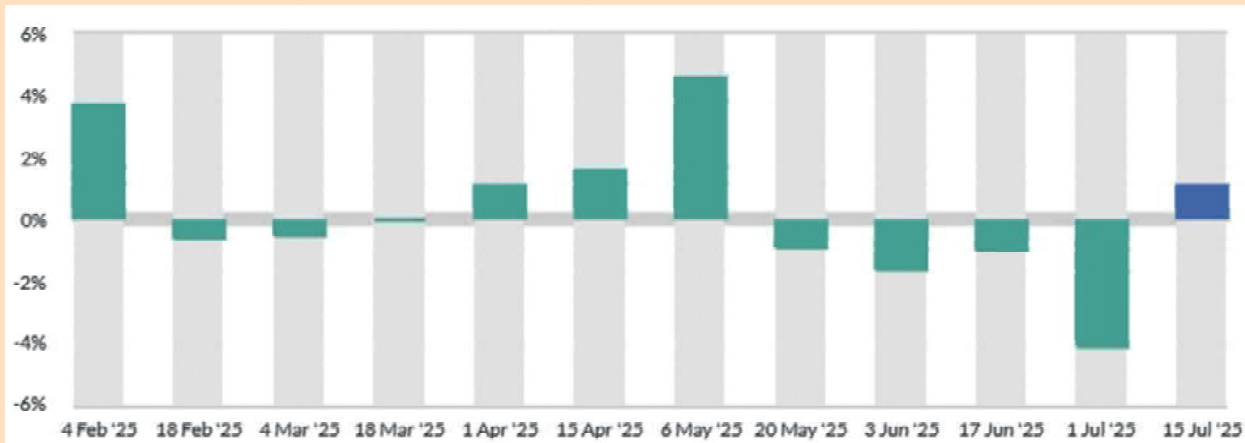
Currently, imports of maize is subject to 61% duty, while SMP attracts 68% levy. Lowering the duties on these items would hit the small and marginal farmers, the respective administrative ministries have conveyed to the Indian negotiators.

According to sources, removing the 30% customs duty on US shrimp by India wouldn't have much impact on local producers. Seafood exporters maintain that the duty could prompt the US to impose similar tariffs on Indian shrimp exports.

While the US is seeking access for its genetically modified (GM) products especially soybean and maize, agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has conveyed its reluctance to allow these transgenic crops citing several concerns about safety issues.

New Delhi hasn't granted approval for the commercial cultivation of any GM crops since the nod to the commercial cultivation of BT cotton in 2002. Commercial cultivation of GM food crops continues to be banned in India.

GDT Index Up by 1.1% on 15th July 2025



The Global Dairy Trade (GDT) Event no. 384 on July 15, 2025, concluded with a 1.1% up in the Price Index, settling at USD 4,380/tonne.

Cheddar cheese experienced a set back of 5.6%, settling at an average of US\$4589/MT, while **Butter price** remained the same at US\$7492/MT. **Lactose price** down by 1.5% to US\$ 1355/MT, followed by **Skim Milk Powder** up by 2.5% to US\$2785/MT, and **Whole Milk Powder** up by 1.7% to US\$3,928/MT.

Anhydrous milk fat was up by 0.8%, while **Mozzarella** was down by 0.7%. Global Dairy Trade Event 384 witnessed participation from 179 registered bidders, with 118 emerging as winning bidders across 17 competitive bidding rounds.

Sellers offered between 22,781 MT and 28,705 MT of dairy products, with 24,290 MT successfully sold, reflecting strong demand and effective price discovery.

However in 2021, India had allowed the import of 1.2 million tonnes (MT) of GM soymeal for chicken feed on an exceptional basis due to high domestic feed prices.

Officials said that imports from the US under lower tariffs would hit domestic soybean and maize and dairy farmers given the huge difference in cost of the production in India compared to the United States.

Currently around 6 million farmers grow soybeans where the government has announced a minimum support price of Rs 5328/tonne (\$ 620/tonne) against cost of oilseed variety from US origin at present is around around Rs 35,000 tonne (\$ 390/tonne), industry source said.

"Similarly in case of maize, the farmers are getting prices above the MSP as there is rising demand from animal feed, ethanol and human consumption which is expected to make domestic production un-remunerative if we allow cheaper import," an official said.

Dr. R.S. Sodhi, President, Indian Dairy Association, said that the dairy sector, which is the largest contributor to agri-GDP and provides livelihood options to engage over 80 million farmers, has been functioning 'quite efficiently' since the 1970s.

India, the biggest milk producer in the world since 1998, plans to protect the industry through continuance with tariff and non-tariff barriers, sources said.

Sources said that India has not provided any tariff rate quota (TRQ) for the import of milk and its products since 2014-15, while the country had last imported India last imported dairy products in 2011.

Last year, the government had allowed imports of 0.5 MT of corn at a concessional 15% duties which was aimed at boosting domestic supplies.

Trade sources said easing chicken legs imports from the US (100% duty at present) would be tough for millions of Indian poultry farmers.

According to industry sources, removing the 30% customs duty on US shrimp by India wouldn't have much impact on local producers. Seafood exporters maintain that the duty could prompt the US to impose similar tariffs on Indian shrimp exports. Bulk of the country's seafood exports to the US is 'Vannamei Shrimp', and in FY24, over 41% of India's \$ 7.38 billion shrimp exports went to America, which was by far its largest market.

Officials said there is a limited scope to provide market access for US in ethanol, almonds, apples, raisins, avocados, olive oil, spirits and wines.

Whey's Rise: Dairy's New Trade Power

The global dairy industry is undergoing a transformation driven by booming demand for whey protein, turning a

once-overlooked by-product of cheese-making into a high-value commodity. Whey's explosive growth stems from its widespread use in fitness supplements, sports nutrition, and emerging weight-loss markets-particularly among users of GLP-1 drugs like Ozempic and fitness-conscious consumers. This protein surge is reshaping production economics, prompting processors to invest in advanced filtration tech and explore value-added whey derivatives-from hydrolysates to bioactive peptides.

Export markets are expanding, as major producers such as the US, EU, and New-Zealand ramp up whey-quality standards to meet stringent regulatory and consumer expectations. India, with its vast dairy base, is presented with a timely opportunity to integrate whey processing into existing cooperatives and private-sector supply chains. Yet, challenges remain: infrastructure gaps, regulatory inconsistencies, and the need to align R&D with market-grade whey protein product development.

Industry participants are now evaluating strategic pivots-shifting from bulk cheese to integrated dairy operations that capitalize on whey extraction and processing. Equity interests are keen, with venture capital flowing into start-ups innovating fermentation-based whey alternatives (e.g. Perfect Day), and traditional dairy players expanding in-house whey capabilities. Export policies and trade agreements are also under review to ensure India competes in this premium protein segment.

The whey opportunity signals a strategic inflection point for dairy stakeholders: integrating whey protein into the value chain boosts margins, enhances export potential, and positions India to rival established global suppliers.

Global Dairy Consumption Set to Soar-AHDB

According to the OECD/FAO Agricultural Outlook (2023-2033), global demand for dairy-especially fresh milk-will grow by approximately 11% per capita over the next decade. This growth is driven predominantly by rising incomes and population in developing regions, with Asia (notably India and Pakistan), the Middle East, and Africa leading the charge. Fresh dairy consumption in developing nations is projected to increase 18%, while developed nations may see a 1% decline per capita.

Processed dairy products-cheese, butter, whole milk powder (WMP), skimmed milk powder (SMP), and whey products-are set to surge globally, with per capita cheese growth expected at 13% in developing regions and 8% in developed areas. Both WMP and SMP are projected to rise significantly. The trend toward processed dairy is reinforced by improving infrastructure and logistics,

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opening further market opportunities in China and Southeast Asia.

Notably, evolving consumer preferences-such as health consciousness and protein demand-are steering consumption patterns. While high-fat dairy may face headwinds in the West, high-protein, low-fat dairy foods are gaining traction. This will shape global trade, with import demand rising in Asia and Africa, while Europe remains the leading cheese exporter and China dominates cheese, butter, and SMP import volumes.

Dairy stakeholders should prepare for a decade-long shift: explosive growth in processed dairy versus slower fresh milk uptake in mature markets. Exporters in India-with anticipated per capita demand surges-must scale processing and trade connectivity to capture evolving opportunities.

Canada, NZ Settle Dairy Quota Dispute Under CPTPP

Canada and New Zealand have formally resolved a high-stakes dairy trade dispute under the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). The two countries clashed over Canada's administration of dairy tariff-rate quotas (TRQs), which New Zealand claimed unfairly restricted access for its exporters and favored Canadian processors, violating free trade obligations. New Zealand initiated formal dispute proceedings in May 2022, and in 2023, a CPTPP dispute panel ruled in its favor.

The resolution comes after prolonged negotiations and includes administrative reforms by Canada to improve the transparency and fairness of TRQ allocation without altering its core supply management structure. These adjustments include changes in quota access timelines, penalties for under-utilization, improved data visibility, and a reallocation mechanism for unused quotas. The revised framework will apply starting the 2026 dairy TRQ cycle.

New Zealand estimated that the trade distortion affected dairy export potential worth NZ\$129 million to NZ\$157 million (USD 80-97 million). With this deal, it expects better access for its cheese, butter, and milk powder products in Canada, although no increase in market size has been granted. The Canadian government reiterated that these changes were made without compromising its dairy farmers' interests or altering market access volumes under CPTPP.

This outcome strengthens CPTPP's credibility in enforcing trade rules and signals to dairy exporters globally that even tightly protected markets like Canada can be held accountable on quota access transparency.

Event CALENDAR

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Date: 12-13-14 February, 2026

Venue: Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, Sec-25, Dwarka, New Delhi

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Southern Dairy and Food Conclave 2026

Date: 08-10 January, 2026

Venue: Kozhikode (Calicut), Kerala

The Indian Dairy Association - Kerala Chapter is pleased to announce the second edition of the Southern Dairy Summit, titled the Southern Dairy and Food Conclave 2026 (SDFC-2026), scheduled to be held from January 8 to 10, 2026, in the historic city of Kozhikode (Calicut), Kerala. The theme of the Conclave is "Transforming Dairy and Food Systems for Global Health".

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IDF World Dairy Summit 2025

Date: 20-23, October, 2025

Venue: Santiago, Chile



The theme of the Summit "Nourishing a sustainable world", will feature a comprehensive program addressing key innovations in the dairy industry, from sustainable practices, technological advancements and artificial intelligence to market trends and nutritional science.

Considering Chile's, rich in traditions and stunning landscapes, it is the perfect place to host this global gathering.

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Dairy Industries Expo

Date: 29-30, October, 2025

Venue: NAEC Stoneleigh, UK

Visit www.dairyindustriesexpo.com