

New CEC of IDA assumes Office

THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS of Indian Dairy Association Central Executive Committee (CEC) were announced on 10th January 2018 with the dynamic Dr. G.S. Rajorhia being elected as the new President of IDA. Dr. Rajorhia had been the Vice President of the Association since 2014 and has made numerous significant contributions to IDA's growth. He has been Chairman of IDA (NZ) for a term and member of IDA's CEC for seven terms.

Respected Dr. Rajorhia has also been Chairman of the Advisory Commission on Quality Systems. Earlier, as Editor of *Indian Dairyman* and Chief Editor of *Indian Journal of Dairy Science*, the erudite Professor added immense value in raising the standard of the two IDA journals. IDA heartily congratulates the multifaceted Dr. Rajorhia upon his election as President-IDA and looks forward to the Association attaining greater heights under his charismatic leadership and continued guidance.

Dr. Satish Kulkarni and Mr. A.K. Khosla — two well-known dairy stalwarts — were elected Vice



Presidents of the Association. The members of the newly formed Central Executive Committee are as follows:-

President : Dr. G.S. Rajorhia

Vice Presidents: Dr. Satish Kulkarni and Mr. A.K. Khosla

Members (Gen.): Mr. R.S. Sodhi, Dr. Geeta Patel, Dr. J.V. Parekh and Dr. K.S. Ramachandra

Members (Research and Educationists): Dr. G.R. Patil and Dr. S.K. Kanawjia

Member (Dairy Industry): Mr. Sudhir Kumar Singh and Mr. Rajesh Subramaniam

Member (Milk Producers): Mr. Kirit K. Mehta and Mr. Ram Chandra Choudhary

Member (Professional & Planners): Dr. Raja Rathinam and Dr. T.K. Mukhopadhyay

The **election officers** were Mr. I.K. Narang, Returning Officer - IDA (CEC) Election Committee; Mr. Parveen Sharma, Scientific and Digital Systems; and Mr. N.K. Bhanot, Secretary (Est.), IDA.

As the new CEC assumes office we wish all its members the very best for their tenure.



CEC Meeting at IDA House on 20th January 2018

Ksheera Sangamam 2017-18

THE STUDENTS OF College of Dairy Science and Technology, Mannuthy with the support of Indian Dairy Association - Kerala chapter participated in the Palakkad District Ksheera Sangamam 2017-18. This was organized by the Department of Dairy Development at Nenmara, Palakkad on 4th January 2018. The students gave a live demonstration of the preparation of milk products and its exhibition. The programme was conducted as part of the extension activities of the Department of Dairy Technology. Organized by students, it attracted many progressive dairy farmers and was well-appreciated.



AGBM of Rajasthan State Chapter

THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING for the year 2017-18 of the Indian Dairy Association, Rajasthan State Chapter, (RSC) attended by over 35 members, was held on 7th January 2018 in Jaipur.

The meeting started with the welcome address of Shri L.K. Kaushik, Chairman, IDA RSC. Shri Kaushik gave a brief account of the year's activity and called upon all members to undertake membership drive to increase the number of members including institutional members. He congratulated Dr. Himmat Singh, Shri U.K. Chopra and Shri Rahul Saxena on getting elected to IDA (NZ) as Vice Chairman and members of ZEC respectively in the recent elections.

The House was apprised that Dr. Raktima Anand w/o Late Dr. N.R. Bhasin, IAS, EX MD, RCDF and Past President-IDA has wished that the chapter undertake some activities in memory of Late Dr. N.R. Bhasin. She also gave a cheque of ` 5.00 Lakh to the chapter for this

purpose. All members overwhelmingly thanked Dr. Anand for her gesture and expressed gratitude towards Late Dr. N.R. Bhasin for his contribution in the field of dairying in the state. The House decided that the amount be kept as FDR and from the interest earned, activities like giving award to First two students of B. Tech (Dairy Technology) from Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur and First two students of B.V.Sc.& AH from Rajasthan University of Veterinary and Animal Science, Bikaner. Also one senior person / organization could be felicitated for his / her / its contribution in the field of dairy in the state of Rajasthan.

The House also decided to invite Dr. Anand, w/o Late Dr. N.R. Bhasin as a special invitee to all forthcoming EBMs and AGMs.

Members also decided to request IDA (NZ) that DIC, which was likely to be organized by North Zone in the year 2020, be held in Jaipur.



NATIONAL news

Milk output up by 5%

THE COUNTRY'S MILK PRODUCTION has increased by 4.75% to 53.77 million tonnes during the summer season of the 2017-18 financial year. Milk output stood at 51.33 million tonnes in the same season in 2016-17 fiscal.

Last year, the overall milk output was 163.7 million tonnes. In a statement, the Agriculture Ministry said, "... even during the summer season 2017-18, the growth rate (of milk output) is higher and sustained."

Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Andhra Pradesh were the top five milk producing states in the summer season, it added.

The ministry said the high growth rate in milk output has been maintained over the past three years with dairy sector gradually picking up its momentum towards achieving higher output.



Centre urges states, ministries to distribute milk

THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT has urged states and ministries to consider distributing milk under the mid-day meal programme and the Public Distribution System. This would create additional domestic demand for the commodity and prevent a sharp fall in price.

It has also directed co-operatives to boost their procurement of milk in view of good production this flush season. The government said milk co-operatives have also been advised to set a target of two per cent share in world trade by 2020. NDDB has been asked to prepare an action plan in co-ordination with states to achieve the



target, it added.

The government has set a target of 255 mt of milk production by 2022, part of the aim of doubling farmers' income by then. In a recent meeting, the ministry asked major cooperatives to ensure milk was purchased from farmers without discrimination.

It said the country had a stock of 116,000 tonnes of SMP due to higher conversion, which was expected to increase to 200,000 tonnes by end-March 2018. About ` 10,881 crore of financial assistance is being provided under the Dairy Processing Infrastructure Fund to milk federations and unions for the purpose.

'Saras' to sell camel milk

RAJASTHAN GOVERNMENT is planning to sell packaged camel milk through 'Saras' counters of the Rajasthan Cooperative Dairy Federation (RCDF) from next month.

"A proposal worth ` 7 crore has been sent to the government, whereby a camel milk dairy plant will be set up at Jaipur. It will be



around 5,000 to 7,000-litre capacity, where camel breeders will be able to sell their milk,” said Gordhan Rainka, Chairman of Pashupalan Kalyan Board.

Also, bulk milk coolers (BMC) will be established at all seven divisional headquarters including Kota, Ajmer, Jodhpur and Bharatpur, where camel milk sold by cattle breeders will be refrigerated.

The packaged camel milk will be sold through Saras booths, while the additional camel milk would be sent to the Jaipur Dairy plant for sale.

₹ 8,000-crore fund to help milk co-ops expand capacity

THE NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT will soon get going on a ₹ 8,000-crore fund that the finance minister announced in this year's budget to support the dairy sector. Under the Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund, NABARD is the nodal agency to finance projects over a period of three years.

It targets to sanction proposals to create new milk processing capacity of 27 million litres per day in the cooperative sector. “This year 39 projects by various cooperative dairies will be cleared under the dairy processing and infrastructure development fund, entailing



an investment of ₹ 600 crore to ₹ 1,000 crore,” NABARD Chairman Shri Harsh Kumar Bhanwala said. “With this investment, the milk processing capacity (in the cooperative sector) would increase from 66 million litres per day to 92.6 million litres per day. Further, the bulk milk-chilling capacity would go up from

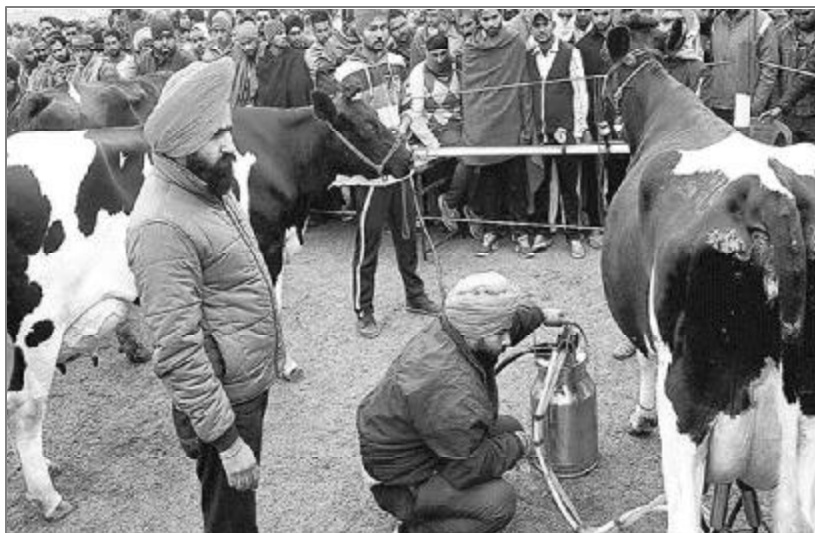
48 million litres per day to 63 million litres,” he added.

According to Shri R.S. Sodhi, Managing Director, Amul, “After Operation Flood ended in 1990, this is the biggest dairy development programme. It will surely help small dairy cooperatives in states like Punjab, Haryana and Bihar where there is huge scope of expansion.”

Punjab plans to introduce dairy credit card

ON THE LINES of Kisan Credit Card, Punjab government plans to introduce Dairy Credit Card in the state. The move, which is part of the plan to help promote animal husbandry, dairy development and fisheries development in the state, is aimed at the dairy farmers of Punjab who don't have facility to avail cash from the banks to meet their urgent expenditures pertaining to livestock.

“Farmers are allowed to avail of credit up to ₹ 3 lakh at an operational rate of interest of 4%. We plan to identify requirements of dairy farmers with the introduction of this credit facility for them,” said an official.



DAIRY ENGINEER ACCORDED FAREWELL

'Shimul' accorded a warm farewell to Shri D.V Mallikarjuna, dairy engineer at Shivamogga on the occasion of his superannuation. Shri Mallikarjuna has contributed articles in 'Indian Dairyman' and also presented technical papers at various DICs. He donated the bust of Verghese Kurien to Michigan State University, US, where it has been installed as a mark of respect to the meritorious alumnus.

KMF MILK FOR KASHMIR

The Belgaum District Co-operative Milk Producers' Societies' Union Limited of Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) recently dispatched the first consignment of milk flexi sachets to Jammu and Kashmir.

Union chairman, MLC Shri Vivek Patil said the dairy has orders from J&K and Andhra Pradesh governments to provide 10,000 litres of milk per day. Shri Patil informed that KMF's Nandini brand was being sent to J&K.

DANONE EXITS DAIRY

French foods maker Danone is exiting its dairy portfolio in India. Danone's dairy business could not compete with bigger players and has remained a non-starter. A company spokesperson said, "Danone has decided to rationalize its product portfolio in India to allow for accelerated investments and a sharper focus on growing its nutrition portfolio which is more than 90% of the business."

NESTLE'S MEALS ON TRAINS

Railway passengers will soon be offered ready-to-eat meals by Nestle. Nestle will be vending pre-packed food to passengers instead of the current practice of IRCTC-authorized vendors offering freshly cooked food.

UP plans international cattle varsity in Mathura

UP GOVERNMENT has asked the Centre to set up an international veterinary university in Mathura with special focus on cattle.

"We have 2,250 acres of land available. Of this, we have 1,450 acres of agricultural farm and remaining for the faculty. This land can be used to build the new campus. As of now, we have a staff of 100 and are publishing research papers for international journals on breakthroughs in cattle rearing," said Shri Krishan Murari Pathak, Vice Chancellor of the veterinary university. This campus has a state budget of around ` 5 crore.



FSSAI to create lab network to test food

FSSAI is in the process of establishing a high-tech laboratory network that will be referred to in case of conflicting results during primary testing of food samples. The results from the designated labs could act as evidence for punitive action in case the sample fails quality testing.

FSSAI has identified about 15 laboratories across India that will be upgraded with state-of-the-art infrastructure to conduct advanced testing.

The lab network will be created in a phased manner and is expected to take about a year to complete. The food regulator is also upgrading the existing government laboratories to bring uniformity in the quality of testing procedures.



Lactalis in massive recall over salmonella fears

FRENCH DAIRY GROUP Lactalis is widening a product recall to cover all baby milk manufactured by a factory at the center of a salmonella contamination.

Three dozen children have fallen ill in France and at least one other in Spain. The company would recall all infant formula milk products that were still in warehouses and on store shelves regardless of the date of manufacture.

Lactalis has pledged to find and eradicate the causes of the salmonella contamination.



health *news*

Hazards of Unsafe milk

ADULTERANTS IN MILK not only reduce its quality but can also make it hazardous. Most of the chemicals added to milk can have long-term adverse effects. Oxytocin is one such injection. The injected oxytocin reaches the human body through consumption of milk or any other dairy product causing several side effects.

Cattle are fed with many steroids and hormonal injections to boost milk production. "Milk adulterated with oxytocin should be avoided by pregnant women as it may lead to abortion and babies may be born with deformities. It increases the risk of haemorrhage in mothers after birth and can also inhibit breastfeeding", said Dr. Arvind Vaid, Chief Infertility & IVF Specialist, Indira IVF Hospital, New Delhi.

Hormones like prolactin, luteinizing hormone(LH), estrogens, progesterone, oxytocin, growth hormone, thyroid stimulating hormone are present in the milk which may cause hormonal imbalance leading to infertility in humans as well.

Moreover, it is also noted that 70 percent of the Indian population gets packaged milk (especially in plastics). Plastic contains BPA (endocrine disruptor), which is directly linked to causing fertility issues in both male and female.

It is important therefore to understand that adulterated milk can cause serious health issues in both males and females. Boiling milk can help eliminate traces of oxytocin and hence save us from a number of health and fertility issues.



46TH DAIRY INDUSTRY CONFERENCE Feb. 8th- 10th, 2018

Adlux International Convention and Exhibition Centre Angamaly, Kochi.

46th Dairy Industry Conference and Dairy Expo will be held during 8th -10th February 2018 at Adlux International Convention and Exhibition Centre Angamaly, Kochi, Kerala. This mega event is being organized by Indian Dairy Association (South Zone) and Kerala State Chapter of IDA. For further details visit www.46dic.com
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ESADA TO ORGANIZE 14TH AFRICAN DAIRY CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

20th - 24th Aug., 2018

Nairobi, Kenya

Eastern and Southern Africa Dairy Association (ESADA) is organizing the 14th African Dairy Conference and Exhibition. The event will take place in Nairobi, Kenya. For more information, Ph.: + 254 721266481, email: secretariat@dairyafrika.com, www.dairyafrika.com

A TRAINING AND VISIT PROGRAM IN MICHIGAN August 11th-22th, 2018

Michigan State University, USA
Michigan State University, USA has offered a 10-day dairy visit program in Michigan dairies. Some of the program components include introduction of world dairy market; Breeding, milking animal health care, nutrition and feed management; Robotic milking, quality milk production, advanced milk transportation to processing plants; Advanced processing, production; Uses of advanced software for accurate analysis; Mechanization of small and large dairy farms. For further information contact joshin@msu.edu / dvmallik@gmail.com