

New Office-Bearers of IDA (WZ)

THE MEMBERS OF the IDA (West Zone) have elected the nominees proposed by the outgoing ZEC, unopposed, for the three year term 2010-13. The following are the office-bearers and members:

Chairman: Mr Arun Patil, Vice Chairman: Dr R D Kokane and Mr Madhav A Sahakari.

Secretary: Mr K Shyju Sidharthan, Treasurer: Mr Madhav V Patgaonkar.

Members: Mr Arun D Narke, Mr S D Pandit, Mr Vinayakrao D Patil, Mr Devendra P Shah, Mr Amit R Kothari, Mr B P Patil, Mr Ravindra S Lahane, Dr Chandra Prakash D Khedkar, Mr Diwakar Panicker, Mr Anil S Hatekar, Mr Rajiv S Sagrolikar, Mr Machhindra S Lanke, Mr Rajkumar Malik and Mr Rajesh Lele.

IDA Kerala Chapter elects new Office-Bearers

THE ANNUAL GENERAL Body meeting of the IDA Kerala Chapter was held recently and the following were elected unanimously as the office bearers for the next three years:

Chairman: Dr R Rajendra Kumar, Associate Dean, College of Dairy Science and Technology, Mannuthy, Kerala. Vice Chairman: Dr A K Beena, Assistant Professor, College of Dairy Science and Technology, Mannuthy, Kerala. Secretary: Dr P Sudheer Babu, Assistant Professor, University Dairy Plant Mannuthy, Kerala. Treasurer: Dr S N Rajakumar, Associate Professor, University Dairy Plant Mannuthy. Members: Dr P I Geevarghese, Mr Robinson Chacko, Dr Joseph Mathew, Mr P E Doles, Mr G R Jayadevan and Dr C T Sathian.

Bihar State Chapter of IDA (EZ) Approved

THE PROPOSAL OF IDA (EZ) for the formation of Bihar State Chapter has been approved by CEC. After the President announced the formation of the Chapter, the following resolution was adopted by the CEC:

“Resolved that the resolution dated 23/01/2010 of the IDA(EZ) adopted in AGBM for the year 2008-09 held at Patna permitting the opening of the Bihar State Chapter as per the constitution of IDA is hereby approved.” The adhoc committee of the Bihar State Chapter consists of the following members: Chairman: Mr. Sudhir Kumar Singh, Vice Chariman: Dr. C. Prasad, Secretary: Mr. D.K. Srivastava and Treasurer: Mr. Munidra Prasad.

IDA(NZ) seminar at Dehradun

A SEMINAR WAS organized by IDA(NZ) and Uttrakhand Cooperative Dairy Federation on "Dairy Development in Uttrakhand: Emerging Opportunities".

More than 150 delegates attended the seminar which was inaugurated by Mr Trivender Singh Rawat, Minister of Agriculture, Dairy Development, AH & Fisheries, Government of Uttrakhand. The other delegates, in addition to IDA (NZ) Chairman, Mr M P S Chadha, who addressed the inaugural session included Mrs Vijya Badthwal, State Minister for Rural, Women and Child Development, Government of Uttrakhand, Dr S K Dhadula, Dr A S Bindra, Dr Mohan Bist and Mr D N Chandola.

Map Priority areas in Dairy sector: Sahai

INDIA MUST POINT out priority areas in the dairy sector where immediate development was required, according to Union Minister of Food Processing Industries, Mr Subodh Kant Sahai.

Addressing the "International Conference on Dairy Industry - Public Private Partnership for Inclusive Growth," organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in New Delhi, Mr Sahai urged the Indian industry to come forward in a big way so that development could be commenced on a faster rate. "We should take help of the expertise of international players in order to start the real growth in this (dairy) sector. The dairy sector has been freed from all kind of taxes so that investments can flow in," he suggested.

Recognising that dairy and agriculture was a state subject, Sahai emphasised that it was not just enough to have schemes and allocation of funds. Increasing productivity, henceforth, would require a much more scientific approach to breeding, feeding and animal health-care programmes.

The dairy sector would require an investment of Rs 24,000 crore to increase the country's milk production to about 200 million tonnes by 2021-22 and meet the rising domestic demand. This was stated by the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) chairperson, Dr. (Ms) Amrita Patel, at the conference.

"The dairy sector requires an investment of Rs 12,000 crore from the government and a similar amount from the private sector to take milk output to 180-200 million tonnes by 2021-22," Dr. (Ms) Patel said.



India facing Pressure to Open its Markets

INDIA WAS UNDER intensive pressure to open up its markets in dairy produce, especially cheese, from European nations. But India has advocated that milk and cheese should be excluded from the scope of free trade agreements under negotiations with the European Union. New Delhi fears that by opening up its markets, small farmers would be forced into deeper poverty as a result.

However, when talks were held in the last week of April, EU officials stepped up their efforts to have India's agricultural markets liberalized amid complaints from anti-poverty activists that EU has shown scant concern for the plight of India's rural poor.

In India, dairy sector assumes critical importance as it provides work and income to landless farmers but EU cheese makers want protection given to them dismantled. When EU-India free trade talks were launched in 2007, European Dairy Association had said that the taxes levied by India on imported food were "unrealistically high". But critics said that by lifting of such taxes Indian

farmers would not be able to withstand competition.

Trade analysts say that EU wants to include dairy within the scope of an agreement with India because of the crisis facing the European milk farmers. According to Paul Goodison from the European Research Office, the EU is "keen to get any market opening abroad" in a bid to compensate for the troubles facing milk farmers at home.



Global IDF Award to Amul



GCMMF Chairman, Mr Parthibhai Bhatol with International Dairy Federation President Mr. Richard Dovie and representatives from dairies of 29 countries

Global Dairy Conference held from 27th April to 29th April 2010 at Salzburg Congress Centre, Austria.

IDF every year gives dairy innovation awards to its members in various categories like brand and products, nutrition and health, sustainability, packaging, ingredients and marketing. The inaugural awards programme attracted over 170 entries from 29 countries in 12 categories, designed to reward and champion innovation and excellence in the global dairy industry.

The award has been given to Amul by IDF for its environmental initiative for tree plantation. As a first step on 15th August 2007 the milk producers of more than 15,000 village dairy cooperative societies planted 18.9 lakh tree saplings across 19 districts of Gujarat, after the flag hoisting ceremony. Initially "One member, one

AMUL HAS BROUGHT one more laurel not only for Gujarat, but for the whole of India.

At a celebratory gala dinner in Austria on 28 April 2010, attended by over 150 dairy industry representatives from all over the world, Mr. Richard Doyle, President, International Dairy Federation, presented an award to Shri Parthibhai Bhatol, Chairman, and Dr. S. T. Desai, General Manager (Cooperative Services and Administration), GCMMF (Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd.). The award was given to GCMMF (Amul) for the best environmental initiative in the "sustainability category" during the 4th

tree plantation" was the basis. Inspired by the thumping success, they carried out similar exercise on 15th August 2008 on "one member, three tree plantation" basis, in which 52.74 lakh tree saplings were planted. In the year 2009, the milk producer members again conducted mass tree plantation drive on Independence Day. After the flag hoisting, each member took an oath to look after the sapling till it grows into a tree. Upgrading the green movement, they planted around 84.04 lakh saplings on "one member, five tree plantation" basis. In the last three years milk producers of Amul have planted around 155.68 lakh tree saplings.

Milk Production to Grow by 3%

DOMESTIC MILK PRODUCTION is likely to grow by 3.9 per cent this year-the same rate as that of last year-the National Dairy Development Board said.

"Milk output grew 3.9 per cent last year and is likely to remain so in the current year," NDDB chairman Dr. (Ms) Amrita Patel said. "To meet the projected demand, we need to increase our annual production by 5 million tonne from the current level of 2.5 million tonne," she said, adding if that could not be achieved, we may have to resort to import to meet demand. Stating that demand has been rising both in urban as well as in rural areas due to the rising disposable income, she said around 8 per cent of household expenditure go to milk and allied products and this is bound to rise in sync with growth in GDP.

Revolving Fund in Karnataka for Dairy Farmers



KARNATAKA CHIEF MINISTER B S Yeddyurappa has suggested that the Karnataka State Cooperative Apex Bank should take up implementation of the scheme of providing soft loans to the dairy farmers for buying high yielding cows at 6 per cent rate of interest and said assisting 1,000 families in each assembly constituency would go a long way in improving the lot of rural farmers, especially those engaged in dairy farming.

The Chief Minister indicated that he was seriously considering setting up a Rs 5,000 crore agricultural revolving fund over the next five years. "We are targeting providing Rs 1,000 crore per year over the next five years for setting up the agricultural revolving fund as part of the strategy to help growers through the market intervention schemes whenever the prices crashed," he said.

He was addressing the representatives of Karnataka State Cooperative Apex Bank and District credit co-operative banks at a meeting to review their performance. The chief minister urged the co-operative sector to play a pro-active role especially in improving rural infrastructure.

Panchamrut Dairy for expansion

PANCHMAHAL-BASED PANCHAMRUT Dairy Gujarat has planned to spend Rs 40 crore towards expansion of its milk processing capacity and doubling its cattlefeed manufacturing facility. It is also hopeful that there would be a surge in milk collection after the lull season of summer ends even as the district dairy union is presently witnessing a dip in its milk procurement by around 4 per cent.

While the co-operative union has approached National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to finance the project, it is also in talks with Gujarat government to provide monetary support for the project. The dairy expects the project to be commissioned within a year.

The dairy is doubling its cattlefeed manufacturing capacity to scale up cattlefeeds production from present 150 metric tonnes to 300 metric tonnes.

ISRAELI COW YIELDS

Israeli cow yields 11,292 litres almost double amount produced by European cow. The production of milk was 10.1 per cent of the agricultural production, compared to 11 per cent in 2008. In the US, an average cow yields 9,053 litres, in China 2,754 litres and in India 1,109 litres.

DAIRY ITEMS LEAD IMPORT

Import of dairy items during April 2009-February 2010 surged by a massive 275.5 per cent to Rs. 284.88 crore, while that of foodgrains shot up 211 per cent to 91.97 crore.

SUGAR-FREE ICE CREAM

With India becoming a diabetes hub, the Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University has come out with a new sugar-free ice cream. According to Animal Husbandry Minister P.N. Palanisamy, sucralose, a zero-sugar alternative, could be used in preparation of ice cream of acceptable quality.

CLONING OF ELITE ANIMALS

In a written reply to Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Science and Technology Prithviraj Chavan said India's lone surviving cloned buffalo calf was growing well in Haryana, adding that the country is improving technology for faster multiplication of elite animals.

WORLD DAIRY EXPO

8-10 June 2010

Qindon, China

A 3-day trade show on dairy industry.

Contact: Om Prakash, Director,
In Orbit, T: 22-24229281
www.inorbittours.in

PROPAK ASIA

16-19 June 2010

Bangkok

Food processing and packaging technology exhibition.

Contact : Bangkok Exhibition
Services Ltd., 62, Soi 30 Rama
VI Road, Samsennai, Phiyathai,
Bangkok Email:
info@besmontnet.com

INTERNATIONAL PROBIOTIC CONFERENCE

15-17 June 2010

Kosice, Slovakia

A 3-day conference on Probiotics.

Contact: email: info@probiotic-
conference.net
www.probiotic-conference.net

IDF SYMPOSIUM

7-9 June 2010

Tromso, Norway

A 3-day symposium on Science and Technology of Fermented Milk.

Contact: Joerg Seifert via
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NATIONAL SEMINAR

24-25 September 2010

NDRI, Karnal

NDRI Graduates Association are organizing a two-day national seminar on "Indian Dairy & Food Sector - Future Road Map".

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INTERNATIONALnews

Higher prices for NZ Dairy products

NEW ZEALAND PRODUCERS' output and input prices rose in the March 2010 quarter, according to Statistics New Zealand. Both indexes were strongly influenced by higher prices for dairy products, electricity, and wholesale goods.

Producer price for output in New Zealand jumped 1.8 percent in the March 2010 quarter, following the 0.4 percent contraction in the previous three months.

Main influences on the outputs index included a 29.6 percent increase for dairy product manufacturing, reflecting higher export prices; a 1.6 percent rise for wholesale trade, reflecting higher petrol prices; and a 4.8 percent rise for electricity generation and supply, driven by higher demand and low lake levels.

The increase for dairy product manufacturing is the largest since the series began in the June 1994 quarter. Together, the dairy product manufacturing, wholesale trade, and electricity generation and supply indexes contributed two-thirds of the overall 1.8 percent increase in the outputs index.

Dairy facing threat in Kenya

KENYA'S DAIRY INDUSTRY is facing a major threat due to the outbreak of stunt and smut diseases affecting napier grass in its Central and Western provinces.

The dairy industry is the largest in East Africa producing annually about 85 to 90 million litres of milk.

According to Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (Kari), stunt and smut diseases infestation of the grass is rapidly spreading posing a major challenge to growth of the industry.

Sustainability depends largely on availability of adequate feeds, of which napier grass remains the main fodder crop for zero grazing.

