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**Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**  
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**Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month of March, 2023.**

**1. Cattle & Dairy Development:**

- i. To achieve maximum saturation of AHD KCC, the Department has issued circular on 13.03.2023, for the continuation of the Nation-wide AHDF KCC Campaign from 01.05.2023 to 31.03.2024.

**2. Livestock Health:**

- i. Department nominated concerned officer for participation in the symposium on Lumpy Skin Disease - How science can support disease management and control organized by the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Eu\_FMD) and FAO's Emergency Prevention System for Animal Health (EMPRES-AH) held during 14.3.2023 to 16.3.2023.
- ii. Department nominated concerned officer for participation in the 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the NPDRR(National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR) with the theme "Building Local Resilience in a changing Climate" held during 10-11<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- iii. On confirmation of incidence of Glanders in the state of Rajasthan, Department communicated the State to adopt zoo sanitary measures, monitor/restrict the equine movements to and from the infected area to prevent further spread of the disease.
- iv. On confirmation of incidence of Avian Influenza in Jharkhand, Department issued advisory to the State and deputed Central team to assist the State for timely control and containment of Avian Influenza and to prevent further spread of the disease.
- v. On confirmation of re-incidence of Lumpy skin disease (LSD) in West Bengal, Department communicated advisory and guidelines to the State for timely control and containment of LSD and to prevent further spread of the disease.

- vi. Department nominated concerned officers for participation in WTO Technical Barriers to Trade National Workshop held at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi during 13-15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 organized by Department of Commerce in association with World Trade Organisation and Centre for WTO Studies (CWTOs) and Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL).
- vii. Department issued advisory along with annual vaccination plan on LSD to all the States to undertake preventive measures including vaccination of all susceptible and eligible cattle before the onset of monsoon to prevent further possible spread of LSD.
- viii. Department organized the bilateral New Zealand-India Technical Exchange meeting virtually on 30.3.2023 related to Epidemiology and Strain Types.
- ix. Under National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) So far, on a cumulative basis, 25.01 crore cattle and buffaloes have been ear tagged and 24.01 crore cattle and buffaloes have been vaccinated against FMD (round-II). Total 34 States/UTs have completed the FMD round II vaccination (in which 30 States have shared the closure report and 4 States have completed the vaccination but not submitted the closure report), vaccination is going in Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. Further, in round (III), 3.34 Cr. vaccination is done against 4.36 Cr. vaccines supplied to 5 States. Vaccination is going on in Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh & Tamil Nadu. Further, 1.98 crore of cumulative vaccination against Brucellosis has been undertaken. During the month of March 2023 around 0.29 crore animals were vaccinated against FMD and 12 lakh female bovine calves were vaccinated against Brucellosis.

### **3. International Cooperation (IC):**

- i. Animal Husbandry Commissioner participated in the "Pastoralism Policy Week" at the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) Campus in Ethiopia during 6-12<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.
- ii. Animal Husbandry Commissioner participated in the meeting on "Improving Cross Agency Responses to Biological and Environmental Threats across the Borders of the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) held in Thailand during 22-24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.
- iii. I took a meeting with US delegation led by Mr. Ron Verdonk, Minister Counsellor for Agriculture Affairs, U.S. Embassy was held on 7.3.2023 to discuss bilateral cooperation between the two countries with special emphasis to animal genetics, cattle herd management and animal tagging. During the meeting, Indian side flagged the market access issues of Indian Buffalo meat and SPF Eggs to USA.

- iv. I took a meeting with New Zealand Delegation led by HE David Pine, N.Z. High Commissioner to India was held on 22.03.2023 to discuss the visit of Hon'ble Minister, FAHD to New Zealand and other areas related to animal husbandry sector to strengthen bilateral cooperation between the two countries.
- v. A technical meeting between Joint Secretary (Trade/IC) and Canadian Delegation led by Dr. Parthiban Muthukumarasamy, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Executive Director - International Programs Directorate was held on 1.3.2023 to discuss export of live pig, pork & pork products and live bovine from Canada to India. Similarly, Indian side also raised the market access of Indian Animal Origin products with special emphasis on Dairy products.
- vi. A meeting between Joint Secretary (Trade/IC) and Ms Maria Fladl, First Counsellor, Delegation of the EU to India, was held on 03.03.2023 to discuss FSSAI and DAHD Health certificate, Study tour and TWG meeting on Animal Health.
- vii. A meeting between Joint Secretary (Trade/IC) and Russian Delegation led by Mr. Maxim Markovich, Additional Secretary, Russian Ministry of Agriculture was held on 15.3.2023 to discuss market access issues between the two countries. Russian side discussed the market access of Poultry products, fish & fish products, dairy, pet food and mutual inspections of exporting plants. Similarly, Indian side flagged the market access issues of Indian Buffalo meat, Poultry Products and Dairy products.
- viii. A courtesy call meeting between Joint Secretary (Trade/IC) and Mr Kiran Karamil, Counsellor Agriculture, Australian High Commission was held on 16.3.2023. The issues discussed during the meeting inter-alia includes market access of Indian buffalo meat & dairy products to Australia. Similarly, issues of export of pet food, bovine semen and embryos from Australia to India were also discussed during the said meeting.

#### **4. Animal Welfare :**

- i. Animal Birth Control (Dog) Rules, 2023 published after 22 years. This will help instreamlining the procedure for sterilization of dogs in order to control the dog population.
- ii. Prevention of Control of Animal (Egg Laying Hens) Rules, 2023 notified for the first time in order to regulate the space requirement of poultry Birds.
- iii. Committee for Supervision and Control of Experiments (Administration) Rules, 2023 notified for the first time in order to streamline the procedure for working of the Committee for Control and Supervision of Experiment on Animals constituted under Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.