

Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month of September, 2022.

1. Cattle& Dairy Development:

- i. The Department initiated the process of seeking online applications for "National GopalRatna Awards -2022", through National Award portal i.e. https://awards.gov.in starting from 01.08.2022 to 30.09.2022. Now, the closing date for submission of application has been extended up to10.10.2022.
- ii. Under National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD), 7 projects (3 in Karnataka and 4 in Rajasthan) with the total outlay of Rs 143.30 crore (Central share Rs.96.77 crore) have been approved by Project Sanctioning Committee chaired by Secretary (AHD) on 05.09.2022 for establishment of Bulk Milk Coolers (BMCs), Automatic Milk Collection Units (AMCUs), Data Processing Milk Collection Unit (DPMCUs), Milk Adulteration Testing Machines at primary level dairy cooperatives, Strengthening of dairy plant laboratories and assistance for Information and Communication Technology Networking.

2. Livestock Health:

- i. On confirmation of incidence of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) in West Bengal, advisory was issued to the State to take immediate bio-security and bio-safety measures including ring vaccination to control and contain the disease in a definite timeline.
- ii. On confirmation of incidence of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Goa, the Department issued advisory and National Action Plan to strictly implement the measures for immediate control and containment of ASF in pigs in a definite timeline.
- iii. On confirmation of incidence of Glanders in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Haryana, the Department advised the States to adopt zoo sanitary measures, monitor/restrict the equine movements to and from the infected areas to prevent further spread of the disease.

- iv. The Department decentralized African Swine Fever (ASF) testing/screening through PCR in the areas confirmed by ICAR-NIHSAD by authorizing Southern Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (SRDDL), Bangalore and Guru Angad Dev Veterinary & Animal Sciences University (GADVASU), Ludhiana for rapid diagnosis and control measures accordingly.
- v. The Department decentralized Lumpy Skin disease (LSD) testing/screening through PCR in the areas confirmed by ICAR-NIHSAD by authorizing Southern Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (SRDDL) Bangalore, Western Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (WRDDL), Pune, North-East Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (NERDDL), Guwahati, Lala Lajpat Rai University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences (LUVAS), Hisar and Guru Angad Dev Veterinary & Animal Sciences University (GADVASU) Ludhiana for rapid diagnosis and control measures accordingly.
- vi. The Department issued advisorics to non-affected States and conducted virtual meeting on 12.09.2022 for awareness and advance preparedness on Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD).
- vii. Department formulated SOP for sampling of vaccines by Project Logistic Agency for QC testing of Peste des Petits (PPR) Vaccines.
- viii. The Department provided treatment protocol on the use of Ivermectin in the pigs meant for import from Canada to India as per Health protocol of India.
- ix. Under NADCP so far, on a cumulative basis, 25.01 crore cattle and buffaloes have been ear tagged and 12.43 crore cattle and buffaloes have been vaccinated against FMD. Further, 1.13 crore cumulative vaccination against Brucellosis has been undertaken. During the month of September, 2022, around 33 lakh animals were ear-tagged and 12 lakh animals were vaccinated against FMD.

3. National Livestock Mission (NLM):

i. Regional Review Meetings under National Livestock Mission (NLM) were conducted through physical mode with all the States of Northern, Southern, Central, Eastern, Western and North Eastern Regions to review the progress of the schemes, difficulties being faced in PFMS and SNA mapping and other issues.

4. Credit, Extension & Publicity (CEP):

The Department participated in International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS), 2022 which was organized at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, on 12th September, 2022. Hon'ble Prime

Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the event "International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS)-2022". The four day long IDF WDS 2022 held from 12th to 15th September, 2022 was a congregation of global and Indian dairy stakeholders including industry leaders, experts, farmers and policy planners centering around the theme of 'Dairy for Nutrition and Livelihood'. Stakeholders and entrepreneurs were given full details of the schemes being implemented by the Department.

5. International Cooperation (IC):

- i. A meeting between Hon'ble FAHD Minister and New Zealand delegation led by Minister of Trade & Export Growth and Agriculture, H.E Mr. Damien O' Connor was held on 19.09.2022 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss bilateral cooperation between the two countries. During the meeting, Officers of New Zealand shared their expertise in Dairy sector including role of animal genetics, animal protein, methane emission etc in Dairy Industry and Officers of DAHD, GOI explained the strength of Indian dairy module including role of strong dairy cooperatives. The Department also explained about GoI's initiative namely "National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) to control FMD and Brucellosis in livestock". Both sides agreed to share knowledge and take advantage of each other's experiences in related fields to enhance mutual capacities and to take advantage of New Zealand's dairy expertise.
- ii. Secretary, AHD took a meeting with Canadian Delegation led by Dr. Mwate Mulenga, Counsellor Agriculture, High Commission of Canada on 29.09.2022 in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss bilateral cooperation including market access issues between the two countries.
- iii. A virtual meeting between JS(IC) and Mauritian authorities led by Dr. P. Beeharry, Ag Assistant Director, Livestock and Veterinary- OIE Delegate of Mauritius was held on 08.09.2022 to discuss trade in livestock and livestock products between the two countries.
- iv. A virtual meeting between JS(IC) and U.K. Delegation led by Ms. Jevan Bhinder, First Secretary- Trade, British High Commission was held on 09-09-2022 to discuss UK-India FTA negotiations, update on new UK Agri Counsellor and DAHD's interest in digitization of cattle supply chain.
- v. A virtual meeting between JS(IC) and Dr. Mwate Mulenga, Counsellor Agriculture, High Commission of Canada was held on 09.09.2022 to discuss bilateral cooperation/sanitary issues between the two countries.

6. Animal Husbandry Statistics

Annual Technical committee For Direction (TCD) Meeting was held on 29thand 30thSeptember, 2022 at Bengaluru for improvement of Animal Husbandry Statistics under the Chairmanship of Animal Husbandry Commissioner.

7. Budget:

For the year 2022-23, up to September, 2022, against the Budget Estimate of Rs. 4288.84 Crore, the expenditure was Rs. 742.49Crore. During the month of September, 2022, Expenditure for the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying was Rs. 192.80Crore.

8. Social Media Activities:

During the month, tweeter page of the Department was hit by 76,876 followers. Under Social Media activities, 157 creative posts were made, 222 tweets &1498 re-tweets were done, 3 Video & GIF were created. Facebook of the Department had 1,31,587 followers. Koo account of the Department has 89,000 followers. LinkedIn has 1109 followers and Instagram has 850 followers by the end of September, 2022.
