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Government of India  
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying  
Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying

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

**1. Cattle & Dairy Development:**

- i. The Department initiated the process of seeking online applications for "National Gopal Ratna Awards -2022", through National Award portal i.e. <https://awards.gov.in> starting from 01.08.2022. The closing date for submission of application is 30.09.2022.

**2. Livestock Health:**

- i. Lumpy Skin Disease: On receipt of information, Central teams visited the State of Rajasthan and Punjab to sensitize these States for strict implementation of control and containment operations for Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD). The Department issued advisory for control and treatment of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) to all the States/UTs for strict implementation of control and containment measures and necessary preparedness for timely control of LSD. Also, the Department conducted meetings in virtual mode on 09.08.2022 and 18.08.2022 with the LSD affected States in respect of preparedness, control and containment of LSD and with regard to progress of vaccination. So far 77 lakh cattles have been vaccinated in 8 affected States as on 31.08.2022. The Department also has taken steps to ramp up vaccine production capacity to 4.5 crore a month.
- ii. African Swine Fever (ASF): On confirmation of incidence of ASF in Karnataka, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana and Mizoram, the Department has issued advisory and National Action Plan with advice to strictly implement the measures for immediate control and containment of ASF in pigs.
- iii. Outbreak of Glanders: On confirmation of incidence of Glanders in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Haryana, the Department issued advisory to these States to adopt zoo sanitary measures and to monitor/restrict the equine movements to and from the infected area to prevent further spread of the disease.
- iv. Under the mass vaccination program, 27 lakh animals have been tagged during the month. Further, 44 lakh animals have been vaccinated against FMD and 10 lakh animals have been vaccinated against Brucella during the month.

### **3. National Livestock Mission (NLM):**

Joint Secretary (NLM) reviewed the progress of NLM on 23.08.2022 with concerned States and UTs and discussed the issues related to implementation of National Livestock Mission(NLM) scheme and advised the States to improve pace of expenditure.

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

- i. Hon'ble Minister of State, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan held meeting with U.S delegation led by Professor & Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, Oklahoma State University(OSU), USA on 10.08.2022 in KrishiBhawan, New Delhi to explore the possibilities of collaboration between OSU and Indian veterinary Colleges/Universities in the areas of student and faculty exchange for wider exposure, possibilities of Indian veterinary pass outs to practice in USA, equivalence of degrees offered by the two systems, research and training in various areas of mutual interest including One Health etc.and of formalizing the cooperation through an Agreement between VCI and OSU.
- ii. A meeting was held with United States Trade Representative (USTR) delegation led by Ms. Julie Callahan, Assistant USTR for Agricultural Affairs and Commodity Policy on 23.08.2022 to discuss outstanding issues related to agricultural market access and trade concern between the two countries. Among other things, possibility of export of cherries and Alfalfa from USA to India and export of deboned, deglanded buffalo meat from India to the United States were discussed.
- iii. A meeting was held with Brazilian Agricultural Attache on 03.08.2022 in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss market access issues between both the countries and also the follow up action on the points identified during the visit of Hon'ble Minister to Brazil in May, 2022.
- iv. A meeting was held with Agriculture Attache, New Zealand High Commission to India on 08.08.2022 at Krishi Bhawan to discuss bilateral cooperation between both the countries. During the meeting, market access issues like export of bovine semen from New Zealand to India and export of retorted (heat treated) buffalo meat to New Zealand and possibility of export of poultry & poultry products from India to New Zealand were discussed. Both sides mutually agreed that an Indian delegation may visit New Zealand to exchange know how on cooperative structure, genetic upgradation, animal disease response etc.

### **5. Administration:**

The Department celebrated Har Ghar Tiranga campaign under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav(AKAM) with Hon'ble Minister, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Pashottam Rupala hoisting the flag at National Salt Satyagrah Memorial, Dandi Gujarat on 12.08.2022, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Hon'ble Minister of State, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying hoisting the flag at Jhalkari Bai Statue, Agra, Uttar Pradesh on 15.08.2022 and Dr. L. Murugan, Hon'ble Minister of State, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying hoisting the flag at Panchalankuruchi Fort, Thoothukodi, Tamil Nadu on 12.08.2022.

**6. Animal Husbandry Statistics**

The annual publication "Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics-2021" has been published and uploaded on website of D/O Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

**7. Budget:**

For the year 2022-23, up to August, 2022, against the Budget Estimate (RE) of Rs. 4288.84 Crore, the expenditure was Rs. 549.69 Crore. During the month of August, 2022, Expenditure for the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying was Rs. 101.14 Crore.

**8. Social Media Activities:**

During the month, tweeter page of the Department was hit by 74,513 followers. Under Social Media activities, 162 creative posts were made, 192 tweets & 1761 re-tweets were done, 2 Video & GIF were created. Facebook of the Department had 1,31,062 followers. Koo account of the Department has 72,500 followers. LinkedIn has 1005 followers and Instagram has 761 followers by the end of August, 2022.

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