

Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month of May, 2023.

1. Cattle & Dairy Development:

i. Administrative Approval for the scheme "National Programme on Dairy Development (NPDD)" scheme was issued on 17.05.2023.

2. Livestock Health:

- i. Lumpy skin disease is under control, cases have declined from scale of 183556 in the month of January, 2023 to 8271 in the month of May, 2023. On confirmation of reincidence of Lumpy skin disease (LSD) in Sikkim, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Punjab, the Department communicated advisory and guidelines to the State for timely control and containment of LSD and to prevent further spread of the disease. States are taking the necessary action and the measures as per the advisory.
- ii. On confirmation of re-incidence of African Swine Flu (ASF) in the state of Uttar Pradesh, the Department issued advisory and National Action Plan with advise to strictly implement the measures for immediate control and containment of ASF in pigs.
- iii. The Department deputed a Technical Experts Team to Maharashtra for Evaluation and recognition of three establishments of M/s. Venky (India) Ltd Pune as Al-free as per OIE guidelines and specifications of the Department.
- iv. The Department deputed an Experts team to Goa for monitoring and evaluation of Oral bait Vaccine (OBV) in Goa action plan for control of Rabies.
- v. The Department deputed a Technical Experts Committee for the Regional Workshop for North East States to develop State Action Plans for Dog Mediated Rabies Elimination (SAPRE) by 2030 on 18th -19th May, 2023

- vi. The Department deputed a Technical Expert Team to Uttarakhand to supervise and monitor the control and containment operations on ground and to assist the State for better implementation of control and vaccination guidelines in respect to LSD.
- vii. One health case study of World Bank supported AHSSOH programme in 5 focused states (Assam, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha)
- viii. Under National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) So far, 25.16 crore cattle and buffaloes have been ear tagged. In FMD vaccination round II, 24.18 crore cattle and buffaloes have been vaccinated throughout the country. Total 35 States/UTs have completed the FMD round II vaccination and shared the closure report with DAHD.
- ix. FMD vaccination round III is already completed in the State of Karnataka and Kerala. It is in progress in 8 States namely, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Puducherry, Chandigarh, Delhi and Himachal Pradesh. So far 4.55 Cr. Vaccination has been done in round-III.
- x. Till date, total 2.12 crores animals are vaccinated against Brucellosis.

3. National Livestock Mission (NLM):

- During the month of May, 2023, total 77 projects have been approved under Entrepreneurship Development Programme with total project cost of Rs. 65.27 crore.
- ii. An advisory issued to all the States/UTs regarding suitable measures/steps to be taken for increasing fodder availability in the country in view of IMD forecast for South West Monsoon.

iii. International Cooperation (IC):

i. A meeting between Secretary, AHD and Ms Melanie Poulton, New Zealand's Special Agricultural Trade Envoy was held on 9th May, 2023 to discuss bilateral cooperation/trade including Veterinary Health Certificates in the field of livestock and dairying sector. During the meeting bilateral discussion was held with 4-5 countries mostly on trade related issues. UAE appears to be a big market for table eggs. There was a discussion on knowledge exchange with New Zealand to learn from their dairy expertise.

- ii. A meeting between Joint Secretary (IC/Trade) and Mr. Angelo de Queiroz Mauricio, Agricultural Attaché, Embassy of Brazil in India was held on 24.5.2023 to discuss bilateral cooperation between both the countries including export of hatching Eggs and bovine & bubaline genetic material from Brazil to India, Training of Indian professionals etc. Similarly, Indian side also flagged the market access of Indian dairy products and meat products to Brazil.
- iii. Secretary, AHD and Animal Husbandry Commissioner, AHD participated in the 90th General Session of World Assembly of National Delegates of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) in Paris, France from 21st -25th May, 2023.
- iv. Animal Husbandry Commissioner, AHD and one officer from the Department participated in the First South Asia Transboundary Animal disease Meeting held in Bhutan during 8th -12th May, 2023.
- v. Assistant Commissioner (Dairy) participated in the 47th Session of Codex Committee on Food Labelling held in Canada from 15th -19th May, 2023.
- vi. Animal Husbandry Commissioner, AHD and one officer from the Department participated in the MPI Applied Epidemiology Professional Development training Programme in New Zealand from 15th -19th May, 2023.
- vii. Assistant Commissioner (Dairy) participated in the 26th Session of Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification System in Australia from 1st -5th May, 2023.

iv. Credit, Extension & Publicity (CEP):

As part of Aazadi Ka Amrit Mahostav, Union Cabinet Minister for Fisheries, Animal husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala officially launched the Nationwide AHDF KCC Campaign for 2023-24 through virtual mode on 03rd May 2023 at 9:30 AM and interacted with beneficiaries of AHDF-KCC connected through CSC and State Animal Husbandry Department. This step will further help in extending KCC facility to all small landless farmers engaged in animal husbandry and fisheries activities.

In order to expand the benefit of Kisan Credit Card to all eligible animal husbandry, dairy and fishery farmers in the country, The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, in association with the Department of Fisheries (DOF) and the Department of Financial Services (DFS), is organizing a "Nationwide AHDF KCC Campaign" from 1st May 2023 to 31st March, 2024. The circular conveying the detailed guidelines for organizing this campaign has been issued to States on 13.03.2023. The necessary instructions to banks as well as State Government have also been issued by D/o Financial Services.

v. Budget:

For the year 2023-24, up to May, 2023, against the Budget Estimate of Rs. 4687.85 Crore, the expenditure was Rs. 72.09 Crore. During the month of May, 2023, Expenditure for the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying was Rs. 37.71 Crore.

vi. Grievance disposal:

The Grievance disposal for Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is 99% under CPGRAM portal.
