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

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

1. Cattle & Dairy Development:

Secretary, AHD chaired 8th Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) meeting of the National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD) on 17.02.2023 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi and approved a total of 8 Projects were approved in 6 States (Karnataka, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Telangana & Uttarakhand) at a total cost of Rs.243.14 crore (Central Share Rs.177.55 crore) under Component A of NPDD and a total of 11 Sub Project Plans (SPP) from the states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Telangana with a total outlay of Rs. 251.91 Crore under Component B.

2. Livestock Health:

- i. EFC Memorandum for "Animal Health Support System for One Health" project funded by World Bank was approved by Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.
- ii. Department has nominated one officer for participation in Regional ANIMUSE Training for World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Focal Points for Veterinary Products 22-24 February 2023 Bangkok, Thailand.
- iii. The Department issued advisory to State AHDs and Forest/wild-life authorities to ensure the implementation of the biosecurity measures including maintaining proper buffer zones to prevent any possible threat of LSD to wild and other animals from domestic bovine animals.
- iv. On confirmation of incidence of Glanders in the state of Rajasthan, the 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.

- v. The Department participated in National Workshop on Heat Wave (Theme: Early Planning and Effective Action: Saving lives) on 13th and 14th February 2023 at IIT Campus, Mumbai.
- vi. On confirmation of incidence of Avian Influenza in Jharkhand, the Department issued advisory to the State and deputed the Central team to assist the state for timely control and containment of Avian Influenza and to prevent further spread of the disease.
- vii. On confirmation of re-incidence of Lumpy skin disease (LSD) in West Bengal, the Department issued advisory and guidelines to the state for timely control and containment of LSD and to prevent further spread of the disease.
- viii. Under NADCP so far, on a cumulative, 24.98 crore cattle and buffaloes have been ear tagged and 23.72 crore cattle and buffaloes have been vaccinated against FMD (round-II). Further, 1.86 crore cumulative vaccination against Brucellosis has been undertaken. During the month of February, 2023 around 1.85 crore animals were vaccinated against FMD and 17 lakh female bovine calves were vaccinated against Brucellosis.

3. International Cooperation (IC):

- i. A meeting between Secretary, AHD and Canadian Delegation led by Ms. Kathleen Donohue, Assistant Deputy Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada was held on 27.02.2023 to advance bilateral cooperation. The issues discussed during the meeting included, inter alia, market access of Indian dairy, livestock and poultry products into Canada. Similarly, issues of export of poultry, pet food, live bovine milk and milk products, pork and pork products etc from Canada to India were also discussed during the meeting.
- ii. A meeting between Joint Secretary (Trade/IC) and Ms Amanda Kwek, First Secretary, Singapore High Commission in India to discuss pending market access issues was held on 03.02.2023. Issues of export of Indian Pork meat, Poultry meat and Buffalo meat from India to Singapore and issues of export of non canned pork and heat treated poultry meat from Singapore to India were, inter alia, discussed during the meeting.
- iii. A virtual meeting between Joint Secretary (Trade/IC) and Algerian Delegation led by Dr. Fairuze Bendahmane, Director of Veterinary Services/Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and Algerian Delegate to the WOAHP was held on 03.02.2023 to facilitate operation of export of fresh, vacuum packed, Bovine meat from India to Algeria.

4. Credit, Extension & Publicity (CEP):

Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav, The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Govt. of India organized a grand start-up Conclave on 28th February, 2023 in order to promote the existing and emerging startups in the livestock, dairy and animal husbandry sectors at Marriott Convention Center, Hyderabad in close collaboration with the National Dairy Development Board, Startup India, CII and the Animal Husbandry Department of Telangana.

The Conclave included Showcasing of Selected startups, Pitch fest, Buyer seller meet and a workshop for startups to train the early-stage startups operating in the Animal Husbandry and Dairying Sector in the art of pitching, building the main business pillars and their story of impact.

Shri Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India inaugurated the event. This event brought together entrepreneurs, investors, and industry experts to share their ideas, network, and learn from each other. It provided an excellent opportunity to showcase innovative ideas and products and network with fellow entrepreneurs and stakeholders. The event featured keynote speeches by prominent industry leaders, interactive sessions, panel discussions, and presentations by successful start-ups.

5. Budget:

For the year 2022-23, up to February, 2023, against the Revised Estimate of Rs. 3440.97 Crore, the expenditure was Rs. 1969.00 Crore. During the month of February, 2023, Expenditure for the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying was Rs. 124.26 Crore.

6. Social Media Activities:

During the month, tweeter page of the Department was hit by 93, 655 followers. Under Social Media activities, 132 creative posts were made, 195 tweets & 1156 re-tweets were done, 1 Video & GIF were created. Facebook of the Department had 1,33,298 followers. Koo account of the Department has 1,18,600 followers. LinkedIn has 1562 followers and Instagram has 1,271 followers by the end of February, 2023.
