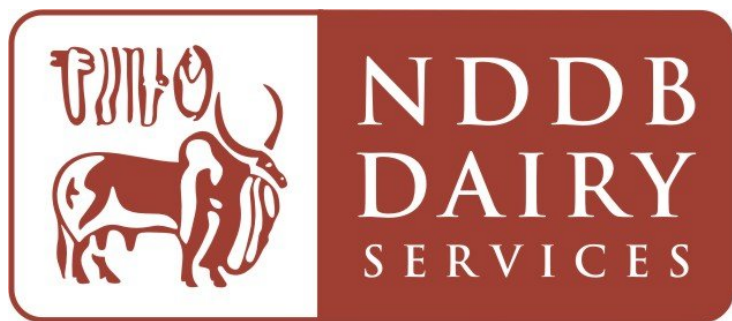


NDDB signs MoU with UT Ladakh & LAHDC for managing Ladakh Milk Federation

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National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) signed a tripartite MoU with Union Territory of Ladakh and Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) by which it will manage the entire operations of Ladakh Milk Federation for a period of five years and implement a structured dairy development programme in the region.

During the tenure of this MoU, NDDB will provide its services without any management fees and also depute its professional manpower at key managerial positions for managing the operations of the Federations and its constituent units.

The MoU was signed in the gracious presence of Radha Krishna Mathur, Honâ??ble Lt. Governor of UT Ladakh and Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, Honâ??ble MP of Ladakh by Meenesh Shah, Chairman and Executive Director, NDDB, Tashi Gyalson, Honâ??ble Chief Executive Councilor, LAHDC, Leh and Ravinder Kumar, Secretary, Animal Husbandry and Cooperative Department, UT Ladakh

On this occasion, Chairman, NDDB reiterated the continued focus of NDDB on the regions where dairy sector is yet to be developed to significantly contribute in the livelihoods of the rural households. He further mentioned that NDDB would ensure that the operations of the Federation and the constituent units are professionally managed with emphasis on providing fair and transparent operations to the dairy farmers.

Shah also assured that NDDB along with its subsidiary company/ies would continue to support the UT of Ladakh in its endeavor to bring about prosperity through Dairying. IDMC, the wholly owned subsidiary company has already completed the refurbishment and upgradation of the milk processing plant, Leh which will be soon operationalized.

Honâ??ble Lt. Governor of UT Ladakh said that NDDBâ??s expertise would help in establishing a robust milk procurement and processing system in Ladakh and would also help in undertaking scientific productivity enhancement activities with focus on animal breeding, nutrition and health. This MoU will encourage entrepreneurs to set up dairy farms leading to Development of

Dairy sector in the region, which will also provide an avenue for employment for the rural youth and more milk production in UT.

Honâ??ble Chief Executive Councilor, LAHDC, Leh, Gyalson mentioned that Ladakh has the potential for milk production and this joint efforts by NDDB and the Ladakh Administration would definitely help in ensuring a better remuneration to farmers for their milk.