



development initiatives like setting up of milk procurement network in Maharashtra.

In his address, Shri Fadnavis said that Vidarbha and Marathwada region of Maharashtra includes some of the most backward districts in the country with extreme drought conditions prevailing over many years. Dairying often remains the only hope in such adverse climatic conditions to ease farmer distress. He is confident that NDDB and its subsidiaries will put in their best efforts to implement the dairy development initiative for the benefit of the milk producers of Vidarbha and Marathwada.

Lauding NDDB's efforts, Shri Radha Mohan Singh conveyed that dairy development activities in Vidarbha and Marathwada will ensure regular and better returns to milk producers. He said that the core components of this dairy development initiative are productivity enhancement of milch animals and creation of sustainable farmers owned institutions.

Shri Nitin Gadkari said that NDDB will bring milk revolution in Vidarbha and Marathwada. NDDB's initiative will also put in place a fair, transparent and sustainable system. He is hopeful that the farmers would grab this opportunity and adopt dairy farming as an additional source of income.