

of the state to address malnutrition. Ultimately, about 1,00,000 school children across Jharkhand will be covered under this scheme. Medha Dairy will process, pack and distribute flavoured milk to school children.

Shri Dilip Rath, Chairman, NDDDB said that as these initiatives scales up, there would be increased livelihood and employment opportunities, which would eventually help in bringing about rural prosperity in Jharkhand. Chairman, NDDDB conveyed that the dairy farmers of Jharkhand are availing the benefits of a transparent milk collection system along with remunerative returns for their produce. On behalf of NDDDB, he thanked the Hon'ble CM of Jharkhand and the state administration for providing support and cooperation to enable the Dairy Board to complete projects in record time.



The Jharkhand Milk Federation is currently procuring 1,25,000 litres of milk per day from 2000 villages covering about 16 districts. JMF has paid more than ₹100 crore as milk price to farmers during 2017-18 and the amount is directly being transferred to their bank accounts on regular basis. The Hon'ble CM distributed ₹1.5 crore price difference to dairy farmers. Further, JMF is marketing around 80,000 litres of milk & milk products through approximately 3,000 outlets across Jharkhand.

Apart from milk procurement, processing and marketing, JMF has also taken initiatives towards productivity enhancement of dairy animals through different input activities like providing compound cattle feed & improved fodder seeds and manufacture/supply of chelated mineral mixture etc.

## Straw densification & enrichment plant inaugurated at Hanumangarh



Shri Ajay Singh Kilak, Minister for Gopalan and Cooperation, Government of Rajasthan inaugurated a straw densification and enrichment plant in Hanumangarh, Rajasthan on 23 June in presence of Chairman, NDDDB. He also reviewed the Sahiwal PS project in Suratgarh area and interacted with AI technicians and veterinary officers.

