



Way ahead

NDP I laid down a scientific path and put in place systematic processes on the basis of GoI programmes- Rashtriya Gokul Mission and National Livestock Mission have been conceived. Some components envisaged under Phase II of NDP, planned as a logical extension of NDP I, have been covered under the recently announced Dairy Processing & Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF) scheme for cooperatives announced in 2018-19 Union Budget and Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) scheme under Govt of India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat Mission. This would help build and modernise milk processing infrastructure to handle additional volumes of milk which has already started flowing to organised sector as a result of the intervention under NDP I.

Dairy development in the country, however, is not uniform across the regions especially, in

the eastern & north-eastern states and hilly & aspirational districts. There is a need to promote producers centric institutions in these areas.

To overcome the future challenges including climate change, it is required to promote environmentally sustainable indigenous breeds, feeding practices and Pashu Ayurveda based treatment for animal diseases. New activities built on the proven business models demonstrated by NDDDB like manure management, solar energy, beekeeping, integrated farming etc. can be replicated, centred on dairying. This will help make our smallholder dairying stronger, efficient, sustainable and resilient supported by vibrant, efficient and autonomous producers' institutions capable of handling future challenges and help India retain its preeminent position in global dairying.