



superior bulls of various indigenous breeds of cattle and buffalo, crossbred and exotic bulls to enhance productivity of dairy animals in the country. The ISO 9001; 2015 certified semen stations produced around 50 lakh semen doses during 2018-19. Vidarbha and Marathwada is the focus area for Rahuri semen station. Around 80 AI awareness programmes were carried out wherein dairy farmers and AI workers participated. The major districts covered include, Nagpur, Yawatmal, Bhandara, Buldhana, Washim, Latur, & Parbhani. Around 2 lakh high genetic merit semen doses were made

available for AI in Vidarbha and Marathwada during the year 2018-19.

NDDB Foundation for Nutrition (NFN) has been distributing 200 ml of flavoured pasteurised toned milk (fortified with vitamin A and D) under Giftmilk programme to around 11000 children studying in 37 government schools in Nagpur district of Vidarbha region. The programme is being funded under the CSR assistance of Mother Dairy Fruit & Vegetable Pvt. Ltd. The Bhandara Milk Union has been roped in as the supplier of milk. The programme schools consist of about 50%

girl students and about 53% SC-ST students. Around 8 lakh units of milk have been distributed in the schools so far. Further, a proposal has been submitted to initiate the programme in Gadchiroli district of Vidarbha region.

At present, institution building activities, a transparent system of milk procurement and timely milk payment are being focussed. Once the operations attain the scale and size required for a viable and sustainable business, setting up of a producer company would be facilitated by NDDB.



## Govt of India extends term of Chairman, NDDB for 2 years

The Government of India has extended term of Shri Dilip Rath, Chairman, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) for two years.

The notification issued by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Govt of India, states that the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the renomination of Shri Dilip Rath as Chairman, NDDB for a further period of two years with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

Under his leadership, NDDB and its subsidiaries are instrumental in making dairying a profitable business predominantly for millions of small farm holders. NDDB is committed to safeguarding the interest of dairy farmers by adopting a cooperative strategy.