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### INDIA TO HOST IDF WORLD DAIRY SUMMIT 2022 IN SEPTEMBER

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**International Dairy Federation's World Dairy Summit 2022**, the most coveted event of the dairy sector, will be organised in India's New Delhi-NCR from **September 12-15** this year. Dairy industry stakeholders from over 40 countries would participate and work towards ways to further develop dairy industry, this was informed at a curtain raiser event in New Delhi on Tuesday.

Chairing the event, Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Dr Sanjeev Balyan expressed his delight over India hosting the World Dairy Summit after 48 years. "It is a matter of great delight that India has got the opportunity to host the World Dairy Summit after 48 years," said Dr Balyan while speaking at the curtain raiser event of the IDF World Dairy Summit 2022, which will be held in Greater Noida Expo Centre from September 12-15, 2022. "The world's growth rate in this sector is just two per cent, while the growth rate in our country is six per cent. The growth rate in this sector in India will further grow in the near future," Dr Balyan added.

The Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying further said India is currently at the No.1 position in the world in milk production. "Our production is 21 crore tonnes per annum. The availability of milk in the world is 310 gram per day, while we are at 427 gram per day. So, there is a big positive difference," he added. Underlining that dairy sector in India is led by cooperatives, Dr Balyan said this sector is linked with employment generation in rural India.

Shri Meenesh Shah, Chairman, National Dairy Development Board and the Member Secretary of Indian National Committee of IDF said that Dairy sector is the most important sector to boost the rural economy of India as it provides income opportunities to about eight crore farmers that is why World Dairy Summit is significant to the stakeholders in India. Not only the farmers, but even the landless farmers are linked with dairy. Milk is an important means of livelihood in our country, Shri Shah said. Shri Shah informed that the theme for the summit is "livelihood and nutrition" as the farmers in our country derive better remuneration from animal husbandry and dairying activities. He said, "Milk and milk products, we all know, provide a lot of nutrition considering that we have a large number of vegetarian population in our country. Milk and milk products play a very important role in providing nutrients to the rural people. And as the theme of the WDS is based on nutrition, we expect that participants from 40-45 countries and a large number of farmers to be part of the event."

"After the inauguration on the first day of the World Dairy Summit, we will have a special session for the farmers as farmers are our focus area," he added. Member Secretary, INC-IDF said the summit will be held at India Expo Centre and Mart in Greater Noida. Shri Atul Chaturvedi, Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, said that the World Dairy Summit is the first physical event post Covid by the International Dairy Federation. "The last event was in 2019 at Istanbul and after 2019 this is the first physical event of the World Dairy Summit, which is happening in India," Shri Chaturvedi said. "We will get the benefit of experience of the International Dairy Federation and the world leaders on dairy who will come to India and the country will benefit by learning from them what they do for the dairy sector and it will also be a great opportunity for India to showcase its achievements in the dairy sector," he added.

Shri Chaturvedi, who is also the Chairman of the IDF-Indian National Committee, said India is truly "Atmanirbhar" and self-dependent as far as the dairy sector is concerned. "The dairy requirements of this country are met 100 per cent by the dairy products which are produced in this country," he added.

Mr Piercristiano Brazzale, the President of International Dairy Federation (IDF), said India is the most important country in the world in the dairy sector. Underlining that IDF is a "global organisation", Mr Brazzale said: "IDF care about all the dairy chain and we give all science-based support to the dairy sector." "I want to announce a new IDF Award in Innovation. The award will be given on the 12th of September - the first day of the World Dairy Summit 2022. We will give the award in 12 categories. You will find all the details on our website" i.e. <https://idfws2022.com> and you can also register till 1st of July," he added.

Ms Caroline Emond, Director General, IDF, said the World Dairy Summit will be a great opportunity for dairy farmers, leaders, experts, scientists, professionals and academics to connect, learn and get inspired. "India's success story of women empowerment will be shared with the world through World Dairy Summit where we can learn that dairy is an engine of development in India," she added.

World Dairy Summit will provide a window for the world to see Indian dairy sector, Ms Emond said.

### **IDF World Dairy Summit:**

This summit is an annual meeting of the global dairy sector, bringing together approximately 1,500 participants from all over the world. The participants' profile includes CEOs and employees of dairy processing companies, dairy farmers, suppliers to the dairy industry, academicians and government representatives etc.

### **Key features of IDF World Dairy Summit:**

WDS is a great way of gaining global exposure for the Indian industry which will attract attention towards smallholder milk production system of India and raise awareness. Exhibition space of over 2,500 sq mt will be available to the exhibitors for showcasing activities. The registration process opened includes early bird benefits and can be done through the event's website: <https://idfwds2022.com>. The IDF World Dairy Summit will provide a forum to the industry experts to share knowledge and ideas on how the sector can contribute to nourish the world with safe and sustainable dairying.

### **International Dairy Federation (IDF):**

The International Dairy Federation (IDF) is the leading source of scientific and technical expertise for all stakeholders of the dairy chain. Since 1903, the IDF has provided a mechanism for the dairy sector to reach a global consensus on how to help feed the world with safe and sustainable dairy products. The IDF has an important role to play in ensuring the right policies, standards, practices and regulations are in place to ensure the world's dairy products are safe and sustainable.