

## World Dairy Summit in India to take up export issue of liquid milk | India News – Times of India

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NEW DELHI: India is the world's largest producer of milk however the nation can not export its surplus as Indian milk doesn't fulfil the worldwide meals high quality commonplace. Though India exports few dairy merchandise to sure international locations, the liquid (uncooked) milk has to this point not been ready to get international market entry.

This concern can be one of the important thing points of discussions on the <u>World Dairy</u> <u>Summit</u> which is to be held in Greater Noida throughout September 12-15 when India would showcase its dairy merchandise and its adherence to high quality norms protocol for liquid milk. Besides, India would additionally strive to impress upon the individuals as to why the 'milk and dairy' merchandise shouldn't be included in any free commerce agreements (FTA) with a rustic or geographical grouping.

"There are many elements that are considered whereas granting market entry. The <u>World</u> <u>Organisation for Animal Health</u> governs this issue and lays down protocol for export. We meet these requirements for sure dairy merchandise however not for liquid milk due to points round 'foot and mouth illness' (FMD) in cattle," stated Atul <u>Chaturvedi</u>, secretary, animal husbandry and dairying, whereas sharing particulars of the Summit.

He stated the nation has been making an attempt to resolve such points and the <u>Summit</u> will present a chance to showcase Indian merchandise to international stakeholders. "We have a target to deal with FMD through vaccination by 2025 and make India FMD free by 2030. We have been working on it through a dedicated programme of vaccination across the country," stated Chaturvedi.

The FMD is quite common amongst livestock akin to cows, bulls, buffaloes, sheep and goats. It is a extremely contagious viral illness that deeply impacts the manufacturing of livestock. This illness has a direct damaging affect on the commerce of milk and different livestock merchandise.

Dairy is the one largest agricultural commodity contributing 5% of the nationwide economic system and using greater than 8 crore farmers immediately in India. The nation being the world's largest milk producer contributes 23% of international milk manufacturing. Milk manufacturing in India has grown at a compound annual development fee of about 6.2% to attain 210 million tonnes in 2020-21 from 146 million tonnes in 2014-15.

Approximately 1,500 dairy sector stakeholders from over 40 milk-producing international locations are anticipated to attend the Summit which can be held in India after a niche of 48 years. "Dairy for nutrition and livelihood" would be the theme of the Summit which can be organised by the International Dairy Federation (IDF) in affiliation with India's National Dairy

Development Board (NDDB).

Responding to a query on FTA throughout a press convention on the Summit, junior animal husbandry and dairying minister <u>Sanjeev Kumar Balyan</u> stated, "Our ministry wants that milk and dairy products should not be included in the FTA."

On the issue of growing enter price of milk manufacturing, the minister stated although the milk costs ought to rise for the profit of dairy farmers, there may be additionally a necessity to defend shoppers' curiosity.

The World Dairy Summit is taken into account an efficient manner of gaining international publicity for the Indian trade which can entice consideration in direction of the smallholder milk manufacturing system of India. It will present a discussion board to trade consultants to share information and concepts on how the sector can contribute to nourishing the world with secure and sustainable dairying.

Speaking on significance of internet hosting the Summit in India, Meenesh Shah, chairman, NDDB and member secretary of Indian National Committee of IDF, stated, "The dairy sector is the most important sector to boost the rural economy of India as it provides income opportunities to about eight crore farmers and that's the Summit is significant to the stakeholders in India."