

Mother Dairy, Maharashtra tie-up for processing plant

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The Maharashtra government and Mother Dairy Fruit and Vegetable Pvt Ltd, a subsidiary of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), on Monday announced the signing of a lease agreement to set up plant for the processing of milk and milk products.

New initiatives

Devendra Fadnavis, Maharashtra Chief Minister, and Dilip Rath, NDDB Chairman, were among those present on the occasion in Mumbai. According to the MoU, a dairy

development initiative will begin in Vidarbha and Marathwada regions to provide milk producers access to markets in Nagpur and Mumbai. Apart from transferring the Nagpur dairy on lease and land for setting up a new dairy at Gove Bhiwandi, Maharashtra will provide assistance, including funds, for a coordinated approach to improve productivity through animal breeding, nutrition and health.

Milk procurement

Mother Dairy has already initiated milk procurement op-

erations in Amravati, Wardha, Nagpur, Chandrapur, Nanded, Osmanabad, Buldana and Yavatmal.

At present, about 11,437 milk pourers in 573 operational Milk Pooling Points (MPPs), covering 924 villages, are collectively pouring about 70,580 litres of milk per day.

A total of ₹37.1 crore has been paid to milk producers from November 2016 until August 2017.

The Nagpur dairy plant has been refurbished and liquid milk packed at the dairy is being marketed in Nagpur city, said Rath.