

# Dairy sector set to see an investment of ₹9,000 crore

## To Create Job Avenues Within State

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**Lucknow:** In a major boost to the state's dairy sector, projects launched during the ground breaking ceremony will bring in investments of Rs 9,000 crore to Uttar Pradesh. The state, which emerged as the

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highest producer of milk among states in 2022-23, is still struggling with low milk production capacity of cattle and has tremendous scope to further enhance total production.

The projects will also

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open up employment opportunities within the state, said an official from the department of animal husbandry.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Banas Kashi Complex in Varanasi on Feb 23. The project will provide direct employment to about 3,000 persons and indirect employment to around 1 lakh people, especially benefiting farmers in 1,346 villages of Purvanchal. At the end of the year, the dairy producers will also receive a percentage of the compa-

ny's dividend.

Dairy Commissioner Shashi Bhushan Lal Sushil said that from here, Banaskantha District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Ltd is planning to set up a dairy unit in Baghat with an investment of Rs 800 crore. This plant will have an initial milk handling capacity of 10 lakh litre per day which can be increased to 15 lakh litre per day in the second phase. This will create 4,000 employment opportunities.

In addition to this, CP Milk and Food Products Private Ltd, which is currently operating three manufacturing units in the state and providing direct and indirect employment to thousands of people in the state, has decided to expand with an additional investment of Rs 300 crore in Barabanki. The project will generate employment

for 90 people. CP Milk procures milk directly from 1.65 lakh dairy farmers.

Smart Grid Pvt Ltd will be establishing its unit in Gonda at a cost of Rs 1,100 crore. The project will open up 3,000 employment opportunities. Rinku Dairy is setting up an enterprise in Bareilly with an investment of Rs 490 crore, and another unit in Shahjahanpur with an investment of Rs 300 crore. The projects will together employ more than 1,300 people.

"Other major investments include a Rs 300 crore project by Bareilly Dairies Ltd, Rs 300 crore by Mitra Seva Insurance and Fintech Pvt Ltd, Rs 252 crore by Gopal Ji Dairy, Rs 250 crore by Creamy Foods in Bulandshahr, Rs 250 crore by Pradhan Milk Chilling Plant in Meerut, and Rs 212 crore by Dairy Craft in Bareilly," said the commissioner.