

Traders' delegation meets...

including increasing the number of counters for Amarnath pilgrim registration.The six-member delegation led by JCCI president Arun Gupta apprised the Lieutenant Governor of various important matters pertaining to the Amarnath yatra and the welfare issues of the business and trade fraternity, an official spokesman said.

JCCI said the chamber welcomed the measures taken by the administration to ensure safe and peaceful Amarnath yatra, but highlighted the need to increase the token counters for facilitating Amarnath pilgrims."Besides this, there is an urgent need to enhance the security arrangements as this year's Amarnath Yatra marks the first major religious event in J&K since the devastating Pahalgam terror attack and subsequent operation Sindoor," it said in a statement.

The chamber said the delegation requested the Sinha to take up the issue relating to the extension of the Industrial Package of Rs 28,400 crore with the Union Government so that the Industrial units, which have applied well within time, can get the benefit of the package.The chamber also requested Sinha to take up the issue regarding the start of a new train between Jammu and Haridwar and vice versa on a daily basis with the Union Railway Ministry.

He pointed out that the present regular train between Jammu and Haridwar was started about 23 years ago and since then no other train has been added on this route and the number of passengers is increasing day by day, as the people are frequently visiting Haridwar to perform religious rituals, including 'Asthi Visarjan' of their dear ones, JCCI said.It said the Lieutenant Governor gave a patient hearing and assured to resolve the issues discussed in the meeting at the earliest.

Special arrangements at...

railway official said. Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Jammu Division of northern railway, Uchit Singhal said additional security forces have also been deployed at the station while more CCTV cameras have also been installed for the safety of the travellers.

The 38-day-yatra will start from the twin routes -- the traditional Pahalgam route in south Kashmir and shortest Baltal route in central Kashmir -- on July 3 and conclude on August 9. The first batch of pilgrims was flagged off from base camp in Jammu by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday morning."Like every year, special arrangements have been made to facilities (Amarnath) pilgrims at Jammu Railway Station which is an important point of this journey," Singhal said.

He said the Railways under the guidance of Divisional Railway Manager Vivek Kumar and the J-K administration together have created a special holding area for the stay of passengers at Jammu Railway Station, where registration counters have been set up so that the pilgrims can get themselves registered on their arrival in the city.

Health checkup facility has also been made available for the pilgrims at the station, along with this, help booths have also been set up at the station to provide guidance and information regarding the journey, the officer said.He said special attention has also been given to the food and drink for the pilgrims, and along with the deployment of special and additional security forces for the safety of the pilgrims at the railway station, CCTV cameras have also been installed.

Singhal said special trains are being operated by the Railways for the pilgrims coming from other states.For the convenience of the passengers at the station, additional reserved and unreserved ticket counters have also been opened by the commercial department, and information about the trains is being given continuously through the announcement system at the station, he said.

Ladakh Admin initiates...

This marks the first-ever recruitment of Gazetted posts through UPSC since the formation of the Union Territory.

This milestone follows the establishment of a unique and dedicated legal framework specifically designed for Ladakh. The framework ensures maximum local representation in public employment, while aligning with the aspirations of the people of Ladakh for responsive and inclusive governance.Developed in consultation with public representatives through a High-Powered Committee constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs, the framework includes robust definitions of domicile, enhanced reservation provisions, and clearly outlined recruitment procedures.

To enable this, the Government of India notified the Ladakh Civil Services Decentralization and Recruitment (Amendment) Regulation, 2025 on June 2, 2025. This was followed by the Ladakh Grant of Domicile Certificate (Procedure) Rules, 2025, notified on June 3, 2025, and the requisite formats for domicile certificates issued on June 27, 2025 through S.O. 76.

The Ladakh Reservation (Amendment) Regulation, 2025, notified on June 2, 2025 and the corresponding Ladakh Reservation Rules, notified on June 27, 2025 increased the reservation cap from 50 percent to 85 percent. This includes 80 percent reservation for Scheduled Tribes (ST), 04 percent for Areas Adjoining the Line of Control (ALC), 01 percent for Scheduled Castes (SC), and 10 percent for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), with 05 percent unreserved. The vacancies under the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) category, if remaining unfilled, shall be treated as unreserved and shall be filled under the same select list from among candidates belonging to the unreserved, ST, SC, and ALC categories, in order of merit. The list of ALC areas in Leh and Kargil districts has also been notified under S.O. 75.

Out of the 359 Gazetted vacancies identified across departments, 269 posts have been prioritised for referral to UPSC in the first phase. These include 125 posts of Medical Officer in the Health and Medical Education Department, 75 posts of Lecturer in School Education, 30 posts of Assistant Director in Economics and Statistics, 17 posts of Assistant Engineer in the Public Works Department, 11 posts of Assistant Engineer in Public Health Engineering Department, and 11 posts of Assistant Registrar in the Cooperatives Department. The remaining 90 posts, currently under finalisation, include positions such as Consultant, Scientific Officer (Forensic) in DNA, Biology, Serology, Document & Finger Printing, Narcotics, Chemistry and Toxicology, Law Officers, Horticulture Development Officer, Accounts Officer, and other specialised roles.

To accommodate those who may have become overage during the period and to compensate the loss on account of no recruitment being made, one-time age relaxation of five years has been approved for recruitments to be held during 2025 and 2026. This is in addition to the standard relaxations of five years for SC/ST/ALC and up to 15 years for PwBD - SC/ST/ALC candidates, with the maximum age limit fixed at 56 years. This special provision reflects the administration's commitment to ensuring fair opportunity for all eligible aspirants who have waited for formal recruitment processes to commence under the new rules.

The UT administration has also requested UPSC to include Ladakh in its Single Window e-Appointment System for streamlined requisition processing. Recruitment shall strictly follow the notified Recruitment Rules, covering qualifications, eligibility, and service conditions. Aspirants are advised to regularly check the official websites of the UT Administration and UPSC for updates.

In parallel, the Chief Secretary, Dr. Pawan Kotwal, who is also the Chairman of the Ladakh Subordinate Services Staff Selection Board (LSSSSB), reviewed the recruitment process for non-Gazetted posts, including Group B (non-Gazetted) and Group C positions. These will be filled through the LSSSSB and the District Subordinate Recruitment Boards of Leh and Kargil.

The Chief Secretary instructed all Departments to immediately submit requisitions for sanctioned and anticipated vacancies, particularly in critical sectors such as health, education, engineering, and frontline administration. He emphasised that all vacancies must be referred as per the updated reservation rosters and revised legal rules.

Departments have also been asked to finalise syllabi and eligibility conditions for technical posts in consultation with the

recruitment boards.Dr. Kotwal reaffirmed that the recruitment process must be transparent, timely, and strictly as per rules. The administration remains committed to building a governance structure that truly reflects the merit, diversity, and aspirations of the people of Ladakh.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary Sanjeev Khirwar; Secretary, General Administration Department, Michael D'Souza; Administrative Secretary, Tourism, Vikram Singh Malik; Administrative Secretary, Higher Education, Bhanu Prabha; Secretary, LSSSSB, Rigzin Spalgon; Under Secretary to Chief Secretary, Mohd Taqi; Under Secretary, LSSSSB, Jigmet Angchuk; State Informatics Officer, NIC Ladakh, Sunil Kaul; Director, NIC Ladakh, Punchok Paldan; and other concerned officers.

Lieutenant Governor flags...

Governor extended his best wishes to all the pilgrims for a safe and blissful journey."This sacred pilgrimage is a journey of faith and self-discovery. Wishing all spiritual seekers a safe and comfortable journey to the holy abode of Lord Shiva and deep soul-stirring experience," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Interacting with the media persons, the Lieutenant Governor said the administration, people of Jammu & Kashmir, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, J&K Police, and security forces have made elaborate arrangements for the pilgrims."More than 4,500 devotees set off to the holy Cave Shrine in the first batch for the darshan of Baba Barfani today. Jammu city has come alive with a new vibrancy. The enthusiasm of pilgrims is very high.

Undeterred by terror incidents, devotees of Bhole Baba are arriving in huge numbers, demonstrating their immense faith. I hope that this year's Yatra will be even more historic than previous years," the Lieutenant Governor said.Eminent spiritual leaders; heads of religious organizations; public representatives; senior officers of civil administration, Police, security forces and Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, prominent citizens, and devotees in large number were present at the Flag-off ceremony.

First Batch of...

Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Fahim Bihagi, SDM Kangan, along with officers from the Civil Administration, Police and members of the local community.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner extended his best wishes to the pilgrims for a safe and spiritually enriching journey. He assured full support from the administration to ensure a seamless and comfortable pilgrimage experience.To ensure the safety, security, and convenience of the pilgrims, the administration has put in place comprehensive arrangements including medical facilities, sanitation services, and round-the-clock security. These measures reflect the commitment of the district authorities to uphold the highest standards of service and care during the Yatra.

The pilgrims expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the rousing reception and proactive support extended by both the Civil and Police Administration.The District Administration reiterated its resolve to provide all necessary assistance and continue its efforts to make the Yatra smooth, safe, and spiritually fulfilling for all participants.

Amarnath pilgrims laud...

praising the success of "Operation Sindoor"-a counter-terror operation launched in the aftermath of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.The banner, displayed on their vehicle read: "Operation Sindoor: A Message of Strength and Resolve." The group said it was their way of thanking the PM Modi led Government and security forces for ensuring the safety of the pilgrims.

Talking to reporters, Mukesh, a devotee from Ahmedabad, Gujarat, said: "The Pahalgam terror attack was aimed at spreading fear among devotees, but the launch of Operation Sindoor has sent a strong message that the government stands firmly with the people. PM Modi's leadership has inspired confidence, and the turnout of pilgrims will increase with each passing day."

Echoing his sentiments, another pilgrim from the group, as per KNO, said, "We have seen a very high level of security arrangements. Devotees should come without any fear. The administration and security forces have made elaborate arrangements, and there is absolutely no need to be scared."

The devotees asserted that Operation Sindoor is not over, and that it represents a continued commitment of the security forces to eliminate the terror threat and ensure that the holy Yatra proceeds peacefully and without interruption.The atmosphere at the Pahalgam base camp was marked by high enthusiasm as pilgrims from various parts of the country arrived amid tight security.

Post-Pahalgam attack: Air...

but steady revival in flight and passenger traffic in the month of June-2025.According to figures, the airport handled 1,537 flight movements (arrivals and departures) and 2,05,110 passengers during the month, reflecting a return to operational stability.As per data, the revival began gradually. On June 1, the airport recorded just 36 flights and 5,965 passengers, but by June 28, the flight operations rose to 60 and the number of passengers reached 10,331, the highest for the month.

The data says key traffic days of the month were: June 01 with 36 arrival and departure flights with 5,965 passengers travelled, followed by June 14 with 58 flights and 10,147, followed by June 21 with 58 flights with 10,210 passengers, followed by June 27 with 48 flights and 10,454, followed by June 28 with 60 flights and 10,331 passengers travelled, and followed by June 30 with 56 flights with 9,570 passengers.

An official at Srinagar Airport said that they are witnessing a consistent improvement in air traffic after the dip following the Pahalgam terror attack."The numbers in June reflect a return of passenger confidence and coordinated efforts to ensure smooth flight operations. We expect this trend to continue in the coming weeks," he said.Notably, the increase in traffic was also supported by the return of Hajj pilgrims, summer tourism and airlines resuming regular services. With the Amarnath Yatra underway, airport officials anticipate continued high footfall in the coming weeks.

Retired from Govt...

inconsequentially for avoidable reasons because they may be "retired from government service but not retired from service to the nation".

Addressing a packed hall of senior officials, legal experts and pension administrators, Dr. Jitendra Singh underlined the Centre's firm commitment to pensioners' welfare, while also drawing attention to the mounting pressure on government finances due to litigation. He noted that with over 60 lakh pensioners today - a figure that now exceeds the number of serving Central Government employees - the challenges of pension administration have entered a new phase that requires urgent institutional coordination and systemic reforms.

"Pension-related litigation often arises from misinterpretation of rules, and unresolved grievances can lead to unnecessary hardship for senior citizens," Dr. Jitendra Singh said. Currently, over 300 pension-related cases are pending in various forums, with nearly 70% before Central Administrative Tribunals (CAT). The Minister acknowledged that the Government is impleaded in nearly all of these cases, indicating the systemic nature of the problem.

"Litigation is usually the last resort, not the first," the Minister said, cautioning against underestimating the grievances of pensioners. He also reflected on how, in many cases, both winning and losing parties in tribunals often appeal further, underlining the depth of discontent and the challenge of resolution.To address these concerns, the workshop focused on legal training for nodal officers, stronger real-time coordination with the Department of Legal Affairs, and the potential use of technology - including AI-

driven dashboards and repositories - to improve decision-making and case tracking.

However, Dr. Jitendra Singh emphasized that no algorithm can replace human empathy and administrative sensitivity. "AI can assist, but welfare must be guided by intelligence of the humane kind," he remarked.He ended on a poignant note, calling for a mindset shift in how retirees are viewed: "They may retire from government service, but not from serving the nation."As part of the workshop proceedings, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched a set of key publications and initiatives aimed at enhancing awareness and grievance redressal mechanisms related to pension matters. These included a Compendium of Case Studies on Pension Litigation, a Flyer on Pension Litigation, and a Booklet on last year's Special Campaign on Family Pensioners' Grievances. He also formally launched the Special Campaign 2.0, a month-long nationwide drive dedicated to resolving pending grievances of family pensioners and super senior pensioners. These initiatives are expected to support capacity building, promote best practices, and ensure targeted outreach to some of the most vulnerable sections among pensioners.

Joining the workshop virtually, Attorney General of India R. Venkataramani stressed the need for a structured national approach to litigation management, with a special focus on pension disputes. He proposed an ambitious target of achieving "zero pension litigation" by 2028 through anticipatory administrative measures, timely grievance resolution, and a culture of accountability. Emphasising the unique nature of pension litigation compared to other service-related legal matters, he advocated for the adoption of mediation and conciliatory mechanisms as viable alternatives to adversarial proceedings. The Attorney General also highlighted chronic delays in processing pension claims - particularly for armed forces personnel - and called for the use of digital tools to improve real-time coordination between nodal officers, law officers, and his office. He proposed establishing a digitally connected standing platform to monitor and manage litigation across departments. "Pursuit of happiness," he said, "should extend to our retirees," urging all stakeholders to work collectively to ensure that pensioners are not left to navigate legal complexities in their twilight years.

Earlier in the day, Secretary of the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, V. Srinivas, outlined the rationale behind convening the National Workshop, stating that the initiative was conceived to strengthen the capacities of nodal officers, streamline administrative processes, and reduce avoidable pension-related litigation. He emphasised the need to address recurring legal disputes, eliminate anomalies in notifications, avoid contempt cases, and build a robust knowledge management system. Highlighting recent reforms, Secretarypointed to the launch of the CCS Pension Rules, NPS Rules, and Extraordinary Pension Rules in 2021 as key legislative milestones. He noted the digital empowerment of pensioners, including the integration of pension portals with banks and the submission of over 4.6 crore Digital Life Certificates. Citing the Department's experience of being party to nearly 6,000 pension-related court cases, he stressed the urgency of efficient legal coordination and early-stage policy vetting. The Secretary also announced upcoming initiatives, including inter-ministerial consultations on the CCS Unified Pension Scheme Rules 2025 and a month-long national family pension awareness campaign starting July 1.

The plenary session of the workshop was graced by a distinguished panel of dignitaries, including Secretary (Ex-Servicemen Welfare), Dr. Niten Chandra; Secretary (Law), Dr. Anju Rathi Rana; Learned Additional Solicitor General, Shri Vikramjit Banerjee; Hon'ble Member (A), CAT Delhi, Dr. Chhabilendra Roul; and Joint Secretary (Pension), Shri Dhrubajyoti Sengupta.

In a first, high-altitude...

aimed at enhancing real-time specialist healthcare in the challenging mountainous terrain along the Yatra route.

For the first time in the pilgrimage's history, ground medical teams at these high-altitude camps can connect with expert doctors at tertiary healthcare centres via satellite-enabled systems. This technology facilitates timely diagnosis, advanced consultations, and remote management of critical cases, significantly improving patient outcomes and reducing emergency evacuations.

Buoyed by the success at Baltal and Panjtarni, DHSK is now expanding this telemedicine network to four additional strategic locations: the Holy Cave, Lower Holy Cave, Sheshnag, and Chandanwari. These installations are currently underway and promise to revolutionise healthcare delivery across the entire pilgrimage corridor.Each telemedicine unit is equipped with advanced diagnostic tools, satellite communication terminals, high-definition video conferencing, and real-time data sharing, creating a virtual link between frontline caregivers and remote specialists.

Dr Jehangir Bakshi, Director of Health Services, Kashmir, said, "With the operationalisation of telemedicine at Baltal and Panjtarni, pilgrims at the most remote camps can access timely specialist care. This technology helps reduce unnecessary evacuations and strengthens on-site medical support."This integration of space technology into public health demonstrates its potential in geographically difficult and disaster-prone areas, Dr Bakshi said, adding, "Not only does it enhance healthcare quality and reach for pilgrims, but it also ensures more efficient health infrastructure management during one of India's largest religious gatherings."

The DHSK has also undertaken extensive measures for Yatra safety, deploying over 1,000 medical personnel, including specialists, doctors, and allied health workers, across all medical stations, along with establishing Emergency Aid Centers (EACs), Mobile Medical Units, and Base Hospitals at critical points.Life-saving equipment has also been provisioned, and pre-Yatra refresher training sessions and public awareness campaigns on high-altitude illnesses and emergency preparedness have been conducted.

The successful deployment of telemedicine services in such remote, logistically challenging locations highlights the transformative role of space technology in public health. It not only elevates the standard of medical care during this major pilgrimage but also sets a precedent for future healthcare interventions in remote and disaster-prone areas

Union Minister promises...

The Union Minister was speaking at a function, 'Reimagining Livestock & Fisheries with Future Ready Farmers: Vision 2030', at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K).

The Union Minister reaffirmed the Central Government's commitment towards agricultural advancement and farming community in J&K. He said that these sectors need to be organised by strengthening and bringing them under Cooperatives at district, block and panchayat level to benefit the dairy farmers, who are mostly small and marginal. He added that there is tremendous potential for exports for Kashmir trout and niche dairy products, however, that requires processing and value addition. He said his Ministry will provide full support to the UT government for establishing retail dairy outlets in each district.

J&K Agriculture Minister, Javid Ahmad Dar; Union Secretary Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairy, Alka Upadhyaya; Principal Secretary APD (J&K), Shalendra Kumar; Vice Chancellor SKUAST-K, Professor Nazir Ahmad Gana; Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-J, Professor BN Tripathi; Additional Secretary, Union Ministry for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Varsha Joshi; Animal Husbandry Commissioner, DAHD, Abhijit Mitra and Joint Secretary Ministry of Fisheries, Sagar Mehra were present at the function.Rajiv Ranjan Singh also interacted with the dairy and fisheries farmers, Poshu Sakhis and entrepreneurs, who informed him about the progress of these sectors in J&K over the years besides projecting their issues and challenges.

Earlier at SKUAST-K, the Union Minister toured the SKUAST-K Hig Density Apple orchards, followed by an inspection of various stalls showcasing groundbreaking agricultural innovations, particularly in animal sciences. A key highlight was the Minister's interaction at a stall featuring recently produced India's first gen-edited sheep, a testament to the cutting-edge research being conducted at SKUAST-K in animal husbandry. This achievement places India at the forefront of advanced genome editing technologies in livestock.

J&K Agriculture Minister, Javid Ahmad Dar, thanked the Union Minister for his support in transforming the livestock and fisheries sector in J&K. He stressed on processing and value-addition of livestock produce for economic empowerment of the farming community.Shalendra Kumar, gave an overview of the dairy and fisheries sectors of the UT while Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-K briefed about the university's working.The officers and faculty members from SKUAST-K, Directors and officers from the line departments and a huge number of farmers were present on the occasion.

Union Minister Rajiv...

Upadhyay, Additional Chief Secretary Dheeraj Gupta, Additional Secretary (CDD/IT) and other senior officers from the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Principal Secretary Agriculture Production Department J&K Shailendra Kumar, Vice Chancellors of SKUAST-K and SKUAST-J, and heads of allied departments were also present.

Addressing the meeting, the Union Minister underlined the immense untapped potential in J&K's livestock and fisheries sectors and assured full support from the Centre."We are here today to listen, understand your challenges, and work together. Where there is scope, there must be action," he stated.He called for joint efforts between the Centre and J&K Government to convert potential into outcomes, adding that rural prosperity can only be achieved when economic development reaches the grassroots through sustainable livelihoods.

Union Minister said that encouraging youth to enter micro and small-scale livestock and fishery enterprises can generate employment and inclusive growth.He informed that a detailed plan is being drawn up involving key national institutions like the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) to build strong infrastructure and link farmers to markets.He also announced the government's intention to hold an Exporters' Conference and a Private Sector Investment Conference in J&K to boost entrepreneurship.

Emphasizing the need to shift dairy operations from the unorganized to the organized sector, the Minister stressed the importance of cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).He cited the example of dairy cooperatives in Varanasi where milk production increased manifold, and additional income was being earned even from cattle waste. He urged J&K's officials to study and replicate such successful models.Chief Minister Omar Abdullah thanked the Union Minister for his visit and reiterated the significance of such joint reviews in identifying local priorities and learning from national best practices.

He observed that in J&K, large industries and factories have not always yielded sustainable results, and the real opportunity lies in strengthening traditional sectors like agriculture, horticulture, livestock, fisheries, and tourism. "Our strength lies in these sectors-not in chasing elusive factories. We must build on what is rooted in J&K," he said.

The Chief Minister highlighted that while J&K contributes 90% of India's trout production, the sector lacks organized processing and value addition. Similarly, despite high per capita meat consumption, much of the mutton is sourced from outside. He emphasized that self-sufficiency in meeting domestic demand can significantly improve incomes and reduce imports. He also spoke about the gradual decline of cooperatives in the dairy sector and assured that his government is committed to reviving cooperative culture and linking milk producers to formal processing networks.

Referring to the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP), the Chief Minister said the initiative was launched to address critical gaps in oilseed production, fodder, dairy, mutton, and fisheries. He appreciated the Union Government's support and assured that all valuable suggestions made during the review would be implemented with sincerity and urgency.

During the event, the Union Minister and Chief Minister virtually inaugurated a 50,000 litres per day Ultra High Temperature (UHT) Milk Plant at Satwari, Jammu, and held interactions with progressive dairy farmers, who shared their experiences of improved incomes and organized procurement process through cooperative societies.

The meeting concluded with both leaders reaffirming their shared vision for transforming Animal Husbandry and Fisheries into vibrant, employment-generating sectors in J&K. it was resolved to implement joint strategies for infrastructure expansion, market linkages, entrepreneurship development, and cooperatives' revival, aimed at building a resilient rural economy.

Earlier, Principal Secretary Shailendra Kumar gave a detailed presentation on the performance of the Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Departments, noting that the sectors contribute ₹12,634 crore-6.25% of J&K's GDP. The livestock population includes 24.54 lakh cattle, 31 lakh sheep, 15 lakh goats, and 73 lakh backyard poultry, with annual milk production at 2,875 TMT and trout accounting for 90% of the national output.

The presentation highlighted achievements under major schemes. Under the National Livestock Mission, 2.9 lakh animals were insured and Sheep AI Centres established. Livestock Health & Disease Control facilitated mass vaccinations and the deployment of 50 Mobile Veterinary Units has been made. The meeting was informed that NADCP has covered over 96 lakh vaccinations, and Rashtriya Gokul Mission has expanded AI services and trained over 1,500 MAITRIs. PMMSY has supported aquaculture infrastructure, ornamental fisheries, and RAS units, benefiting nearly 80,000 individuals.

Under the National Program for Dairy Development, JKMPCL is targeting ₹500 crore turnover by 2025-26, with two new milk plants underway at a cost of ₹258.10 crore. Over 11.33 lakh Kisan Credit Cards have been issued, including 2.46 lakh for AH&F. The AHIDF has achieved a 73% sanction rate, enabling private investments in dairy and poultry infrastructure.

It was noted that ₹5,013 crore Holistic Agriculture Development Program includes ₹1,364 crore for livestock and fisheries, aiming at self-sufficiency in milk, mutton, and eggs. More than 1,800 Pashu Sakhis have been deployed, and 500 hydroponic fodder units are being set up to address green fodder needs.

It was stated that digitization is advancing through platforms like the Kisan Sathi Portal, Daksh Kisan LMS, and the Output Tracking App. Over 2,000 Kisan Khidmat Ghars are being established to deliver agricultural services at the grassroots level.The department's reform efforts have earned national recognition, including the SKOCH Gold Award, Innovation Leadership Award, and the Best UT in Fisheries Award for 2024.

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