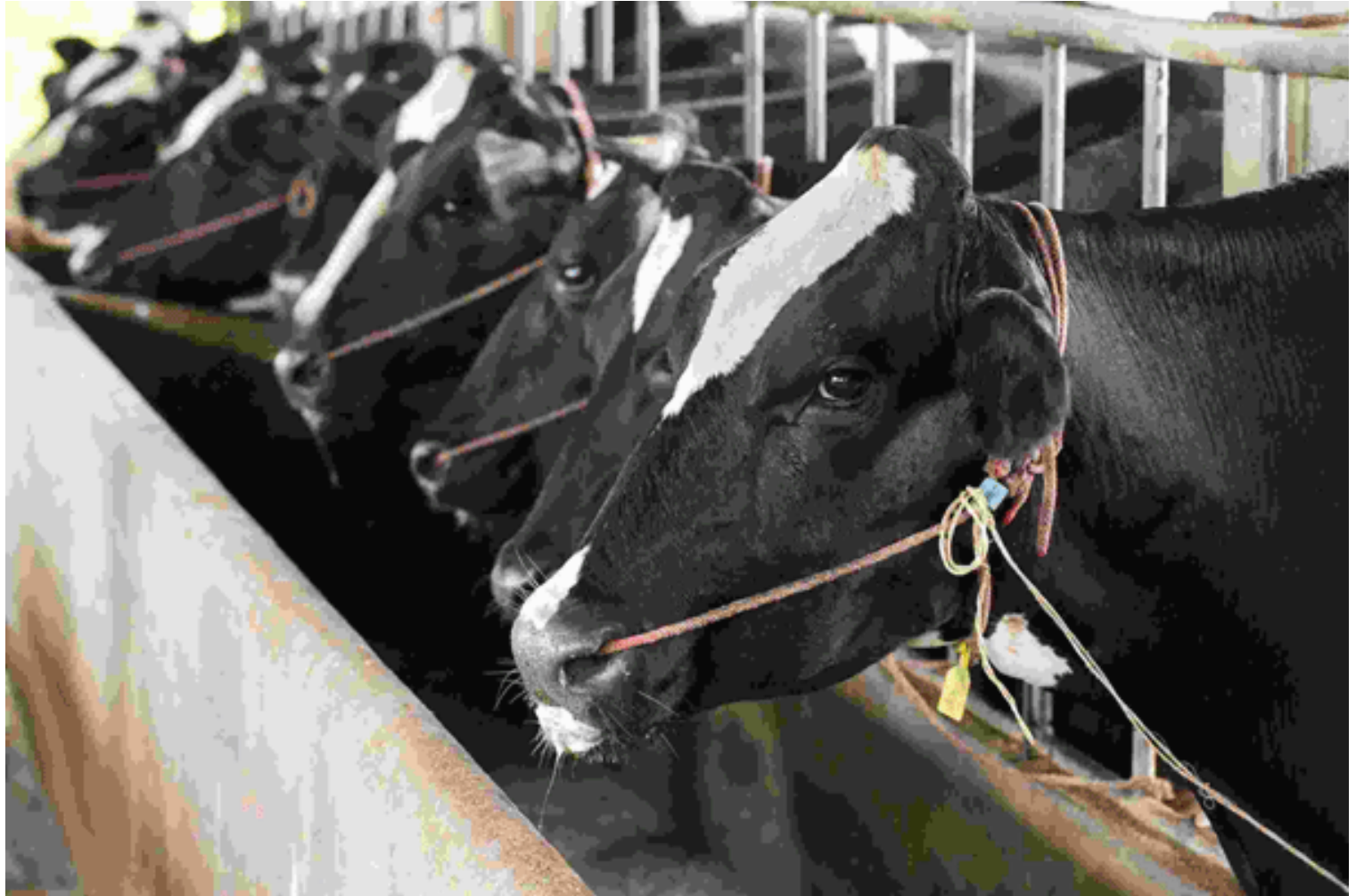


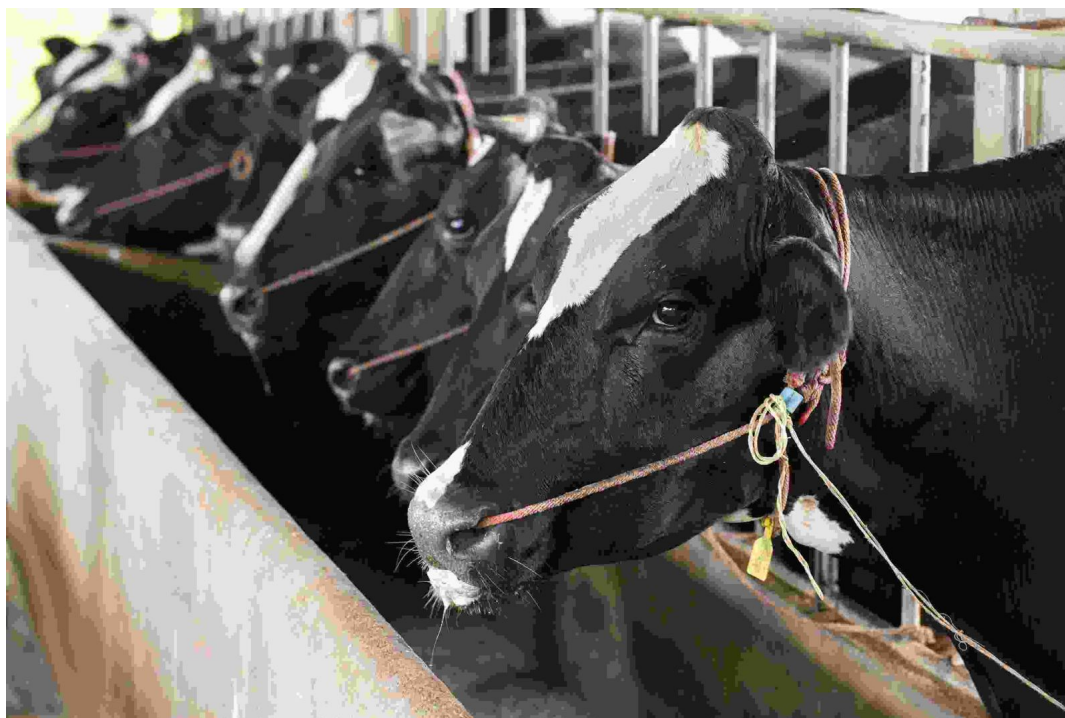
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The Union Cabinet recently extended the **Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF)** till **2025-26**.



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About the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF):

- The AHIDF is a **Central Sector Scheme** designed to boost **investments** in dairy and meat processing, animal feed plants, breed multiplication farms, waste management, and the production of veterinary vaccines and drugs.
- It will be executed by the **Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying**, with an updated outlay of **Rs 29,610.25 crore**, significantly higher than its initial **Rs 15,000 crore** setup in **2020** as part of the “**Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan**” stimulus package.
- It offers a **3% interest subvention** for **8 years** and a **2-year moratorium** on loans of up to **90%** from Scheduled Banks, **NCDC**, **NABARD**, and **NDDB**, with
- Government offers a **credit guarantee** to **MSMEs** and Dairy Cooperatives up to **25%** of the credit borrowed from the **Credit Guarantee Fund (CGF)** managed by **NABARD**.
- Eligible entities include **individuals**, **Dairy Cooperatives**, **Private Companies**, **FPOs**, **MSMEs**, and **Section 8 companies**, aiming to mitigate Covid-19's adverse impact through the **Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan** fiscal stimulus package.

Objectives of the Scheme:

- Increase **milk** and **meat processing capacity**.
- Promote **product diversification**.
- Provide better **market access** for unorganized rural producers.
- Enhance **price realization** for producers.
- Ensure the availability of **quality milk** and **meat products** for consumers.
- Address **malnutrition** by providing protein-enriched food.
- Generate **employment** and **entrepreneurship**.
- Boost **exports** in the milk and meat sector.
- Provide quality **animal feed** at **affordable prices**.


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AHIDF has been granted Rs 15,000 crore to establish:

- Dairy processing and product diversification infrastructure
- Meat processing and product diversification infrastructure
- Animal feed plant
- Breed Improvement Technology and Breed Multiplication Farms
- Setting up of Veterinary Vaccine and Drugs Production Facilities
- Animal Waste to Wealth Management



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Achievements of the AHIDF:

- Since its launch, the **AHIDF** has significantly increased processing capacities, adding **141.04 lakh litre per day** of milk processing capacity, **79.24 lakh ton** of feed processing capacity, and **9.06 lakh ton** of meat processing capacity, marking a **2-4% increase** in processing capacity in the dairy, meat, and animal feed sector.