

National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB)

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In news– The Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has recently launched NDDDB MRIDA Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary company of NDDDB to take forward manure management initiatives across the country.

NDDDB MRIDA Limited-

- NDDDB has established NDDDB MRIDA Limited, an **Unlisted Public Limited Company** under the Companies Act, 2013 with the paid-up capital of Rs. 9.50 crore.
- It will open avenues of additional **income to dairy farmers from sale of slurry/ dung.**
- It will help in savings to the farmers by virtue of replacement of cooking fuel with biogas.
- This is a first-of-its-kind company focussing on efficient utilisation of dung by creating a manure management value chain.
- **It will take up setting up of manure value chain, biogas based CNG generation,** biogas-based energy generation for dairy plants.
- The company will **undertake research and development on cost effective technologies** for efficient dung management and a major area of focus will be establishing revenue generation models at the village-level through sale of cattle dung-based products.
- It will **provide marketing and sale support to agencies manufacturing gobar-gas slurry-based fertilisers and establish mechanisms** to accrue carbon revenue from the projects to generate additional revenue stream for dairy farmers.
- **The manure management initiatives have potential to generate biogas equivalent to 50 percent** of India's

present LPG consumption & also produce bio slurry equivalent to 44 per cent of India's NPK requirement.

About National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) –

- It is a **statutory body** set up by an Act of the Parliament of India (NDDB Act 1987).
- It was also declared an institution of national importance by the Act.
- It is **under the ownership of the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** of the Government of India.
- Its main office is in Anand, Gujarat with regional offices throughout the country.
- **NDDB's subsidiaries include** Indian Dairy Machinery Company Limited, Mother Dairy and Indian Immunologicals Limited, Hyderabad.
- The Board was **created to finance and support producer-owned and controlled organisations.**
- Its programmes and activities seek to strengthen farmer cooperatives and support national policies that are favourable to the growth of such institutions.
- Cooperative principles and cooperative strategies are fundamental to the board's efforts.
- NDDB has also registered a trademark named **"SuDhan"** to provide common identity to dung based organic fertilisers.