

Major Achievements in Animal Health, Poultry & Fodder Sectors during the FY 2020-21

Animal Health:

- i. Besides provision of routine veterinary health care services at Veterinary hospitals/centers and provision of medicines to livestock farmers at subsidized rates the Department as a maiden initiative during the current FY rolled out 44 Mobile Veterinary Clinics (Mobile veterinary clinics) for doorstep delivery of veterinary health care facilities to livestock farmers. Besides 22 ambulances, 1 truck, 2 transportation vehicles were sanctioned in favor of line Departments.
- ii. The Department under the flagship scheme National Animal Disease Control Program (NADCP) launched by GoI during the current FY completed first round of FMD vaccination program where under 27.03 lac bovines were vaccinated against FMD. Besides, 7.5 crore routine vaccinations against other economically important diseases of dairy/sheep/goat/poultry were conducted under CSS-ASCAD for which ₹ 17.25 crore were released by GOI during the current FY.
- iii. UT of J&K played a proactive role in containment & ingress of Avian influenza/Bird flu in J&K. The Government as a measure of abundant precaution banned entry of poultry from neighboring states in the UT at the onset of bird flu curtailing the incidence of an outbreak. Intense surveillance of all alert zones was conducted & 33 epicenters of bird flu were detected & were immediately contained & sanitized. Avian Influenza testing facility was created for the first time in J&K for prompt testing of suspected samples.

Poultry:

- i. In order to cut down imports & bridge the gap between demand & supply of J&K the UT Government launched J&K Poultry Policy 2020-21 to encourage local entrepreneurs to establish poultry farms, hatcheries and processing units by extensions of benefits on the pattern of Industrial Development Scheme. J&K Government also launched Integrated Poultry Development Scheme 2020-21 under UT Capex with provisions of 50% subsidy with fixed ceilings for insurance of poultry birds, purchase of poultry farm equipments/machinery, poultry processing equipments, rendering units and poultry transportation vehicles.
- ii. Department during the current FY established 30,000 backyard poultry units under UT Capex & 800 poultry units under CSS NLM creating subsidiary income for around 30,800 people.

Fodder:

Cultivable land resources in J&K are shrinking and there are around 37.81 lac hectares of cultivable land. However, Only 4% of cultivable land is under fodder production making J&K deficient in Green Fodder by 67% and in dry fodder by 23%.

- i. In order to given an impetus to fodder production J&K Government launched Integrated Fodder Development Scheme 2020-21 under UT Capex and incentivized fodder cultivation with establishment of fodder demonstration plots, distribution of improved fodder mini seed kits, subsidy on cattle feed for lean periods/fodder mechanization and incentives for establishment of Cattle Feed Plants. Under the scheme 11 feed plants which include commercial feed plants, total mixed ration plants & nano feed plant in the UT. Besides, hydroponic fodder plants, silage making plants, harvesters, bore wells, mini tractors, chaff cutters were given to around beneficiaries 500 beneficiaries.