



# PM Inaugurates International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit 2022 in Greater Noida

## Why In News?

- On September 12, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit 2022 (IDF World Dairy Summit 2022) held at India Expo Center & Mart, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

## Key Points

- Held from September 12 to 15, the four-day IDF WDS 2022, focused on the theme of 'Dairy for Nutrition and Livelihood', is a gathering of global and Indian dairy stakeholders including industry stalwarts, experts, farmers and policy planners.
- Around 1500 participants from 50 countries are expected to participate in IDF WDS 2022 . The last such summit was held in India almost half a century ago in 1974.
- The Prime Minister spoke of the importance of 'livestock' and milk-related business in India's cultural landscape. He said that unlike other developed countries of the world, the real strength of the dairy sector in India is small farmers. India's dairy sector is identified more by 'production by mass' than 'mass production'. Based on the efforts of these small farmers with one, two or three cattle, India is the largest milk producing country.
- He said milk production across the world is growing at a rate of 2 percent while in India it is growing at an annual rate of over 6 percent. The sector provides employment to more than 8 crore families in the country.
- The government has taken several steps for the betterment of the dairy sector, resulting in an increase of over 44 percent in milk production in the last eight years.
- The Indian dairy industry is unique as it is based on a cooperative model that empowers small and marginal dairy farmers, especially women.
- The success story of the Indian dairy industry, which accounts for about 23 per cent of global milk, produces around 210 million tonnes annually and empowers over 80 million dairy farmers, will be showcased at IDF WDS 2022.
- Organizing this summit will help Indian dairies as well as help farmers in getting information about global best practices.

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