



Bihar to Build 3 Dairy Plants, 2 Milk Powder Units

Why in News?

To boost the **dairy industry** and improve the livelihoods of farmers, **Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar** announced the establishment of **three new dairy plants** and **two milk powder manufacturing units** in the state.

Key Points

- **New Dairy Plants and Milk Powder Units:** The three **dairy plants**, with a combined capacity of **5 lakh litres per day**, will be established in **Darbhanga, Wazirganj (Gaya), and Gopalganj**.
 - The two **milk powder manufacturing plants**, each with a capacity of **30 metric tonnes per day**, will be set up in **Dehri-on-Sone (Rohtas)** and **Sitamarhi**.
 - These plants aim to meet the growing demand for **milk products** and provide **employment** in local areas.
- **Dairy Industry's Role in Agricultural Growth:** The state government emphasized the importance of **dairying** as a key contributor to the **state's GDP** and the need for **improved breeds** of milch cattle.
 - The new dairy units will also help in **cooperative extension** and improve the **quality of milk**.
- **Finance of Project:** The plants will be financed through **loans from Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** and **Bihar State Milk Cooperative Federation (COMFED)**.

Sectoral Contributions in Bihar's GDP

- **As per Niti Aayog, Bihar's real GSDP** has grown at an **average rate of 5.0% between 2012-13 and 2021-22**, which is **lower than the national average growth rate of 5.6%** during the same period.
- Over the past three decades, **Bihar's share in nominal terms of the national GDP has decreased from 3.6% in 1990-91 to 2.8% in 2021-22**.
 - Its **nominal per capita income was only 30% of the national per capita income** in 2021-22.
- The **services sector has the highest share in GSVA (57.1%)**, followed by agriculture (24.3%), and industry (17.2%).
 - The share of the **agricultural sector in the total GSVA (nominal) was 24.9%** in FY 2021-22.
- Between 2013-14 and 2022-23, the state's service sector, industry, and agriculture grew by 6.4%, 8.6%, and 2.6%, respectively.

