

Amul to pump in ₹5,000-cr for milk processing unit expansion

Kolkata, February 19:

Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd has planned ₹5,000-crore investment for expansion of its own milk processing capacities in the next two to three years.

Makers of Amul branded milk and dairy products will establish 10 new processing units in different regions of the country, said Managing Director Rs. Sodhi here on the sidelines of 43rd Dairy Industry Conference.

To spread out from its nerve centre in Gujarat more, Anand-headquartered GCMMFL is setting up plants in Kolkata, Varanasi, Lucknow, Kanpur and Faridabad.

At the same time it has planned five new units in Gujarat too.

Spreading out

“The 10 lakh litre per day plant near Kolkata would come up in the next 15 months at a cost of ₹250 crore. We have already established milk collection net work in the State. We are also bringing in fresh milk from Bihar to feed the three third-party plants in West Bengal,” Sodhi said. These three plants process a total of 7.25 lakh litres a day.

GCMMFL has planned to increase its own processing capacity from 230 lakh litres to 320 lakh litres. Currently it runs 51 processing plants.

He pointed out that Amul has just entered the southern market through an outsourced processing plant Hyderabad.

Price hike

In tune with global milk price crash this fiscal, the milk prices in the country remained depressed.

“We have had our last price hike in May last year. “This year prices may rise by around 5 per cent in tandem with inflation,” Sodhi added.

(This article was published on February 19, 2015)