

# Min lays stone for milk processing plant

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**Motihari:** Union minister for agriculture & farmers' welfare Radha Mohan Singh on Tuesday said the department of animal husbandry, dairying & fisheries has initiated a number of schemes with the objective of doubling the dairy farmers' income

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by 2022. The government has also taken several initiatives to increase the milk production by raising the productivity of milch animals.

Addressing the farmers and locals after laying the foundation stone of the milk processing plant of Mother Dairy at Math Banawari vil-



Union minister Radha Mohan Singh lays foundation stone for a milk processing plant at Math Banawari in East Champaran on Tuesday

lage under Kotawa block of East Champaran district on Tuesday he said, "White revolution has made our country self-sufficient in milk production and we are the largest milk producer in the world. Now, Bihar too will take a giant stride in milk production with the support of

National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) soon."

Sources said the milk processing plant of Mother Dairy will be constructed at an estimated cost of around Rs 11 crore, which is a subsidiary of NDDB. Spread over an area of 4.5 acre, the plant will have a capacity to handle one

lakh litres of milk a day and is expected to start operations within a year's time.

He further said that the new plant will fulfil the dual objective of bringing rural prosperity while enhancing milk productivity in north Bihar.

"The Union government has done a lot for farmers. The government in its budget has assured that support prices for the coming kharif crops like paddy will be fixed at least 50% higher than the cost of production," said the minister here.

Mother Dairy managing director Sanjeev Khanna said that over the years Bihar has witnessed a steady increase in milk production which has a tremendous potential in the dairy sector.