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## **Indian Dairy Association Celebrates World Milk Day**

In 2001, World Milk Day was established by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to recognize the importance of milk as a global food, and to celebrate dairy sector. Padam Bhushan awardee Dr R.S. Paroda, Chairman, Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS), and Former Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Government of India, was invited as Chief Guest on the occasion of World Milk Day celebrated by Indian Dairy Association (IDA), New Delhi, on June 1, 2024. Mr Ajay Kumar Khosla, Vice President of IDA was also present. In addition, several leading dairy sector organizations along with other dignitaries gathered to show the solidarity and support to dairy farmers. In his speech, Dr Paroda underlined the importance of milk and dairy products and role of dairy sector in improving the livelihoods of several farmers in India. He also discussed the unprecedented achievement in milk production (220 mt) in India, largest in the world, and the way forward to further improve the milk production.



IDA Felicitated Dr RS Paroda



Dr Paroda addressing the Representatives of Dairy Sector on the occasion of World Milk Day

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