

National Livestock Mission (NLM)

The National Livestock Mission (NLM) is a transformative initiative by the Government of India designed to promote sustainable development within the livestock sector. This comprehensive programme focuses on improving livestock production, enhancing productivity across various species, and ensuring better market access for livestock and livestock products. The mission represents a holistic approach to strengthening India's livestock economy whilst supporting farmers and rural communities.

Through strategic interventions in breeding, nutrition, healthcare, and infrastructure development, the NLM aims to revolutionise livestock farming practices across the nation. The scheme encompasses dairy, meat, poultry, and other livestock segments, creating an integrated ecosystem that benefits all stakeholders in the value chain.

Key Objectives of the Mission

The National Livestock Mission has been designed with multiple interconnected objectives that work together to transform India's livestock sector into a modern, productive, and sustainable industry.



Improving Livestock Productivity

Enhance productivity of various livestock species through better breeding, nutrition, and healthcare practices for dairy, meat, and poultry production.



Sustainable Development

Promote sustainable livestock development considering production efficiency, animal welfare, and environmental impact for long-term viability.



Integrated Farming Models

Encourage integrated livestock farming that combines dairy, meat, and other products for enhanced productivity and income generation.

Breed Improvement

Strengthen breed improvement programmes to develop high-quality breeds of cattle, buffalo, goats, and other livestock species through scientific methods.

Enhancing Farmer's Income

Increase income for livestock farmers by providing comprehensive support including infrastructure, modern technologies, and professional training programmes.

Infrastructure Development

Support creation of essential infrastructure for livestock health services, quality feed production, and advanced breeding facilities across regions.

Fodder Development

Increase availability and quality of fodder resources to improve animal health, nutrition, and overall productivity in the livestock sector.

Eligibility Criteria

The National Livestock Mission welcomes a diverse range of stakeholders from across the livestock sector. The programme has been designed to be inclusive, ensuring that individual farmers, organisations, cooperatives, and private entities can all participate in transforming India's livestock industry.

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Individual Farmers

Farmers actively engaged in livestock farming activities including dairy production, meat production, and other livestock-related enterprises.

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Farmer Producer Organisations

FPOs engaged in livestock farming or planning to establish integrated livestock systems for collective benefit.

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Cooperatives

Dairy and livestock cooperatives involved in various stages of the livestock value chain from production to marketing.

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Private Sector Entities

Private companies or businesses working to improve livestock production, processing, or related commercial activities.

02

State Governments and UTs

Government bodies at state or union territory level developing and implementing livestock-related projects and programmes.

03

Self-Help Groups

SHGs involved in livestock production, animal husbandry, or related activities for community development and empowerment.

Benefits Under the Scheme

The National Livestock Mission provides comprehensive benefits designed to support every aspect of livestock farming, from initial setup to market access. These benefits create a robust support system that empowers farmers and stakeholders to achieve sustainable growth and improved livelihoods.



Financial Assistance

Provides substantial financial support for various livestock-related activities including breeding programmes, feed production, veterinary services, and infrastructure development projects.



Improved Livestock Health

Through enhanced veterinary support and breed improvement initiatives, the programme helps improve overall health and productivity of livestock populations.



Technological Support

Facilitates access to modern technologies in breeding, animal care, and livestock management practices for improved efficiency and outcomes.



Fodder and Feed Management

Supports development of fodder and feed infrastructure to ensure adequate nutrition for livestock, improving health and productivity.



Employment Generation

Creates jobs in the livestock sector, particularly in rural areas, by developing various facets of the livestock value chain ecosystem.



Capacity Building

Provides comprehensive training and skill development for farmers, cooperatives, and stakeholders to improve livestock management practices.

Better Market Access

The mission connects livestock producers with markets, improving income potential through better market linkages and value chain integration for sustainable growth.

Required Documentation and Eligible Projects

Applicants must prepare comprehensive documentation to apply for financial support under the National Livestock Mission. The documentation process ensures transparency and proper evaluation of proposed projects.

Documents Required

- Duly filled application form as per prescribed format
- Detailed project proposal with objectives, methodology, and financial projections
- Valid identity proof (Aadhaar card, Voter ID, or Passport)
- Address proof documents (electricity bills, ration card, or bank statement)
- Audited financial statements for past 2-3 years
- Project cost breakdown and funding requirements
- Bank account statements verifying financial status
- Land ownership documents or lease agreements
- Credit score or rating report (if applicable)
- No objection certificate from relevant authorities (if required)

Eligible Projects

- Breed improvement programmes and artificial insemination centres
- Veterinary clinics, hospitals, and mobile veterinary units
- Fodder production units, silage making units, and feed mills
- Dairy processing units, milk storage, and chilling plants
- Meat processing facilities and cold storage units
- Modern animal housing including cattle sheds and poultry houses
- Rural livestock development and community breeding centres
- Livestock development centres for training and skill development
- Value-added product facilities for cheese, yoghurt, and meat products

Financial Support Details

The National Livestock Mission provides substantial financial assistance to support the development and modernisation of India's livestock sector. The funding structure has been designed to accommodate projects of varying scales, from small farmer initiatives to large infrastructure developments.

₹10L

Minimum Loan Amount

Starting point for small-scale livestock projects and infrastructure development initiatives.

₹50Cr

Maximum Loan Amount

Available for large-scale infrastructure projects with significant impact on the livestock sector.

25%

Capital Subsidy

Available for specific project types, particularly benefiting small farmers, women farmers, and marginalised sections.

Flexible Loan Structure

The financial assistance varies based on project type and scope, ensuring appropriate support for diverse livestock development initiatives across different scales and requirements.

Priority Support

Special emphasis on providing capital subsidies to small farmers, women farmers, and marginalised communities to promote inclusive growth in the livestock sector.

Comprehensive Coverage

Financial support extends across the entire livestock value chain, from breeding and production to processing and marketing infrastructure development.

The National Livestock Mission represents a comprehensive approach to transforming India's livestock sector through strategic financial support, capacity building, and infrastructure development. By supporting diverse stakeholders and projects, the mission aims to create a sustainable, productive, and inclusive livestock economy that enhances farmer incomes and contributes to national food security.