

Nazira Dairy Project Collapses Amid Allegations of Mismanagement, Livelihoods Hit



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A multi-crore dairy project at Sanbasa in Nazira has collapsed amid serious allegations of financial irregularities and internal mismanagement, dealing a severe blow to rural livelihoods in the area.

The Sundarpukhuri Dairy Cooperative Society, formed by local farmers under the initiative of Dr. Jagadish Barman, once served as a crucial source of income for over 245 Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. The cooperative reportedly contributed nearly ₹1 crore annually to the local rural economy.

As part of its expansion, the cooperative launched its own marketing network under the brand name “*Kareng*” and set up a milk pasteurization plant at Sanbasa village. However, internal disputes within the management and alleged financial mismanagement eventually led to the shutdown of the project.

Today, costly dairy machinery purchased for the plant lies abandoned and deteriorating at the site. Local residents claim that more than ₹1.2 crore was collected for procuring machinery, which is now rusting unused.

Villagers have alleged that Dr. Barman embezzled cooperative funds, resulting in the collapse of the project. They have demanded a fair and transparent investigation into the matter and urged the government to intervene to fix accountability, recover misused public funds, and take steps to revive the dairy project for the benefit of affected families.

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