

State govt to geotag 10 lakh livestock farmer houses

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Thiruvananthapuram, February 18

The Kerala government is gearing to geotag the houses and farms of over 10 lakh livestock and poultry farmers in the State as part of its massive digitisation drive.

The objective is to compile a comprehensive digital repository of the information of animal husbandry and dairying in the State and integrate the data using the Geographical Information System (GIS), official sources said.

Database

The State Animal Husbandry Department has a database of over eight lakh farmers and houses and farms of over 60,000 of them have already been geotagged under the ambitious initiative.

It also plans to make the

functioning of the department 'paperless' in the next 6-7 months as part of the digitisation drive, for which 23 mobile applications will be developed, official sources said.

Besides the data of the houses and farms, the status of domestic animals and birds, the information of veterinary hospitals and related offices would also be linked through the GIS technology.

Through the geo-tagging, the location of the complete livestock population in the southern state would also be mapped subsequently, a top official said.

"The government can use the data as an authentic support system during the time of financial planning," State Animal Husbandry Director NN Sasi told PTI.