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## CM launches fortified milk in Himachal

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Shimla: Dairy development has been playing a major role in strengthening the rural economy of the state and could go a long way in doubling farmers' income by the year 2022, said chief minister Jai Ram Thakur on Thursday.

The CM was speaking at the launch of Milkfed's fortified milk (with Vitamin A and D), an effort in collaboration with TINI-Tata Trusts and National Dairy Development Board. He said fortified milk was widely used around the world to help people get nutrients that may otherwise be lacking in their diets.

Sharing its benefits, he said fortified cow milk contains extra vitamins and minerals that are not naturally found in normal milk in sufficient amounts. Milk is a nutritious product, especially for children, so it should contain all required nutritional ingredients.

Thakur also commended Milkfed for collecting about 1.40 lakh litres of milk daily from farmers in rural areas of the state.

He said two new milk processing plants would also start functioning at Duttanagar in Shimla and in Mandi by 2020 under the centrally-sponsored project, which will double the potential of milk plants.