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News: Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)

- With almost a decade into **Rashtriya Gokul Mission**, it is found that instead of improving the quality of all the indigenous breeds, as envisioned under the scheme, it has ended up promoting only one indigenous variety, the Gir cow, across the country.

Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)

- Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) is a part of **Centrally Sponsored Scheme “National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development”**.
- It is aimed at **conservation and development of indigenous bovine breeds**.
- It seeks to **undertake breed improvement programme for indigenous breeds to improve the genetic makeup and increase the stock**.
- It **does not seek cross breeding with foreign breeds**.
- It is implemented through the **"State Implementing Agency"** (SIA viz Livestock Development Boards)

Rashtriya Gokul Mission has the following components:

- **Establishment of Village level Integrated Indigenous Cattle Centres** viz “Gokul Gram” in the breeding tracts and near metropolitan cities for housing the urban cattle.

- “Gopalan Sangh”: to establishment Breeders' Societies
- Award to Farmers (“Gopal Ratna”) and Breeders' Societies (“Kamadhenu”)

Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme

- This is a credit-linked subsidy scheme of government to promote the setting up of modern dairy farms.
- The applicant/entrepreneur has to make arrangements for a minimum 10% of the total money needed for setting up a modern dairy farm.
- For rest, the government provides 25% capital subsidy (33.33% for SC/ST) and the remaining amount is provided as a loan (minimum 40%) by the Commercial Banks, Cooperative Banks, Regional Rural Banks and Urban Banks.
- The nodal implementation agency for this scheme is NABARD.