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News: Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)

- Recently, the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying highlighted the role of the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) in the conservation of indigenous bovine breeds and the enhancement of milk production in the Lok Sabha.

Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)

- Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) is a part of **Centrally Sponsored Scheme** “**National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development**” launched in 2014.
- It is aimed at **conservation and development of indigenous bovine breeds**.
- It seeks to **undertake breed improvement programme for indigenous breeds so as 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).

Need

- The **decline of indigenous bovine breeds, like Punganur(Andhra Pradesh), threatens valuable genetic resources**.

- These breeds are **climate-resilient, produce high-quality milk, and adapt well to local environments, highlighting the need for preservation efforts.**

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.
- **High Genetic Merit:** Enhances genetic merit through bull production via progeny testing, Pedigree Selection and genomic selection, and germplasm import.
- It **strengthens semen stations, implements in vitro fertilization (IVF) technology for assured pregnancies, and sets up breed multiplication farms** to scale genetic improvement in livestock.
- **Artificial Insemination Network:** Promotes establishment of **Multi-Purpose Artificial Insemination Technicians in Rural India (MAITRIs)** to expand nationwide AI access.
- RGM implements the **National Digital Livestock Mission, to improve data management and service delivery.**
- **“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**.