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National Kamdhenu Breeding Center Kiratpur | Madhya Pradesh | 15 Sep 2021

Why in News

On September 14, 2021, Additional Chief Secretary J.N. Kansotia informed that the work of setting up of National Kamdhenu Breeding Center at Kiratpur (Itarsi) in Hoshangabad district of Madhya Pradesh has been completed for North India.

Key Points

- The objective of this center is to conserve and promote Indian bovine breeds, increase production and productivity, upgrade genetic quality, supply certified germplasm and save indigenous breeds from extinction.
- It is noteworthy that the Government of India has approved the establishment of two National Kamdhenu Breeding Centers (NKBC) in the country. NKBC is being established in Kiratpur district of Madhya Pradesh in North India and Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh in South India.
- In the first phase, 13 breeds of cows – Sahiwal, Gir, Kankrej, Red Sindhi, Rathi, Tharparkar, Malvi, Nimadi, Kenkatha, Khilari, Haryanvi, Gangatiri and Gavlav and four breeds of buffalo – Nili Rabi, Jafrabadi, Bhadavari and Murra have to maintained.
- At present, 195 of the Gir, Sahiwal, Tharparkar, Nimari, Malvi, Kankrej, Red Sindhi, Rathi and Khilari breeds of cows and 107 of the buffaloes of Murra, Nili Rabi, Bhadavari and Jafrabadi breeds Haryana, Rathi, Kankrej, Nimadi are at Kiratpur center at present. 9 bulls of Malvi, Kenkatha and Jafrabadi breeds are available.
- State Livestock and Poultry Development Corporation Managing Director H.B.S. Bhadauria informed that the breeding center is being set up in an area of 270 acres with the help of Rs 25 crore cent percent from the central government.