



Special Breed Cows in Madhya Pradesh

Why in News?

Recently, **Madhya Pradesh** Chief Minister welcomed a pair of **Punganur cows**, specially brought from Andhra Pradesh.

Key Points

- The Punganur cow is a dwarf cattle breed native to the Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh. It is one of the **world's smallest humped cattle breeds**.
- It has **high resilience to drought** and can adapt to low-quality feed.
- It is also **prized for its milk**, which boasts a higher fat content, making it ideal for producing ghee.
 - A Punganur cow can give around 1 to 3 litres a day, and the milk fat content is 8% as compared to 3 to 4% in other native breeds.
 - The milk is also rich in nutrients such as **Omega fatty acids, calcium, potassium, and magnesium**.
- It has a **broad forehead and short horns**. The horns are crescent-shaped and often lose curving backward and forward in males and lateral and forward in females.
- Punganur cows are considered **eco-friendly, requiring less water, feed, and space** compared to hybrid breeds.
- Many temples in Andhra Pradesh, including the famous **Tirupati Tirumala Temple**, use the milk of a Punganur cow for **Ksheera Abhishekam (milk offering to the deity)**.



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