



National Gopal Ratna Award 2024

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Recently, the [Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying \(DAHD\)](#) announced the winners of the [National Gopal Ratna Awards \(NGRA\) 2024](#) under the [Rashtriya Gokul Mission \(RGM\)](#).

- It is one of the highest honours in the livestock and dairy sector and is presented on [National Milk Day \(26th November 2024\)](#).
- **Award Categories:**
 - Best dairy farmer rearing [indigenous cattle/buffalo breeds](#).
 - Best [Artificial Insemination](#) Technician (AIT)
 - Best dairy cooperative/ milk producer company/ dairy farmer producer organisation.
 - **Special Awards for the North Eastern Region (NER)** were introduced in 2024.
- RGM was launched in **2014** to conserve and develop indigenous breeds under the **National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development (NPBBDD)**.
- **NPBBDD have Two Components:**
 - **National Programme for Bovine Breeding (NPBB):** Conservation and development of recognized indigenous breeds.
 - **National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD):** Creating infrastructure related to production, procurement, processing and marketing by milk unions/federations.

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