

Sex Sorted Semen Facility under Rashtriya Gokul Mission

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The Prime Minister inaugurated the **Sex Sorted Semen facility** at Purnea, Bihar, under the **Rashtriya Gokul Mission**, aimed at improving the dairy sector in Eastern and North-Eastern India.

- The facility will produce 5 lakh doses of sex-sorted semen per year using the indigenously developed 'Gausort' technology.
- Sex Sorted Semen is aimed at increasing the birth of female calves, helping dairy farmers by reducing economic burdens and enhancing income, especially benefiting small, marginal, and landless dairy farmers.
- The Gausort technology, sorts semen to ensure a higher likelihood of female calves, with an accuracy of up to 90%.

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- Background: Implemented since 2014 for indigenous bovine breed development & conservation. The scheme is also continued under the umbrella scheme Rashtriya Pashudhan Vikas Yojana from 2021 to 2026.
- Implementing Agency: Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying).
- Objectives: Aims to sustainably enhance bovine productivity and milk production, promote the use of high genetic merit bulls, expand artificial insemination (AI) coverage, and scientifically conserve and promote indigenous cattle and buffalo breeds.
- Achievements:
 - Milk Production: Increased from 146.31 MT (2014-15) to 239.30 MT (2023-24) (rise of 63.55% in 10 years).
 - **Artificial Insemination:** 9.16 crore animals covered, 14.12 crore Als performed, 5.54 crore farmers benefited.

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