

16 New Indigenous Breeds of Livestock

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Why in News?

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) officially registered 16 new breeds of indigenous livestock and dogs.

- The recommendation happened during the 14th meeting of the **Breed Registration Committee (BRC)**.
- This expansion raises the total number of scientifically documented and registered animal breeds in India to **262** (comprising 258 indigenous and 4 synthetic breeds).
- **Geographic Spread** - The 16 newly registered breeds span **9 distinct animal species** distributed across **13 States** and 1 Union Territory (Jammu & Kashmir).

Newly Registered Breeds

Species	Breed Name	Native State / Home Tract
Cattle	Koppal	Karnataka
Cattle	Mahakaushali	Madhya Pradesh
Cattle	Periyar	Kerala
Cattle	Umarda	Maharashtra
Buffalo	Gomanchali	Goa
Goat	Battisi	Rajasthan & Uttar Pradesh
Goat	Totapuri	Rajasthan
Sheep	Asomi	Assam
Sheep	Kow Debar	Uttarakhand
Sheep	Madgyal	Maharashtra & Karnataka
Sheep	Seemanchali	Bihar
Donkey	Braj	Uttar Pradesh
Horse / Pony	Kashmiri	Jammu & Kashmir (UT)
Pig	Nagal	Nagaland
Yak	Sikkimese	Sikkim
Dog	Kombai	Tamil Nadu

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Asomi



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Koppal



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Battisi



Braj



Kow Debar



Sikkimese



Seemanchali



Totapuri



Madgyal



Kashmiri



Kombai



Nagal



Mahakaushali

Source: ICAR-NBAGR, Karnal

About ICAR-NBAGR

- The National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources (**ICAR-NBAGR**), based in **Karnal, Haryana**.
- It serves as the nodal institute for registering livestock and poultry breeds in India.
- It evaluates phenotypical and genetic characterization data submitted by researchers, assigns official accession numbers, and maintains the national repository of animal genetic resources.
- Breed registration is sanctioned by the Breed Registration Committee (BRC), chaired by the Deputy Director General (Animal Science), ICAR.

Reference

[Times of India | 16 new breeds of indigenous animals](#)



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