

National Gopal Ratna Awards (NGRA)

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Why in News?

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying recently announced the winners of the National Gopal Ratna Awards (NGRA) 2025.

- The National Gopal Ratna Awards (NGRA) are one of the highest national honours in India's livestock and dairy sector.
- **Aim** - To recognize and encourage individuals and institutions that have made significant contributions to the conservation and development of indigenous bovine breeds and the overall dairy sector.
- **Conferred by** - The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
- **Instituted in**- 2021.
- It is a part of the **Rashtriya Gokul Mission**.
- **Award Categories** - The NGRA is conferred annually in 3 main categories, which also include a special provision for the North Eastern Region (NER) and Himalayan States.

Category	Description	Special Provision
1. Best Dairy Farmer	For farmers rearing indigenous cattle/buffalo breeds scientifically.	Special Award for NER / Himalayan States
2. Best Dairy Cooperative Society (DCS) / Milk Producer Company (MPC) / Dairy Farmer Producer Organization (FPO)	For excellence in procurement, processing, and management, and promoting indigenous breeds.	Special Award for NER / Himalayan States
3. Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT)	For excellent service in providing Artificial Insemination (AI) and breeding services to farmers.	Special Award for NER / Himalayan States

- **Prize Money** - The awards consist of a Certificate of Merit, a Memento, and a cash prize in the first two categories.
- **Presentation** - The awards are typically presented on **November 26th** every year, coinciding with the celebration of **National Milk Day**.

National Milk Day is the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, the Father of the White Revolution in India.

Reference

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