



## 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 \(26<sup>th</sup> November 2024\)](#).
- **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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