

National Gopal Ratna Award -2022
Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying,
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

Preamble:

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, is making all out efforts for the effective development of Animal Husbandry and Dairy sector to provide sustainable livelihood to the farmers. Indigenous bovine breeds of India are robust and possess the genetic potential to play crucial role in the national economy. In the absence of a specific programme on development and conservation of indigenous breeds, their population has been declining and their performance is below the potential at present.

Under the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, "Rashtriya Gokul Mission", a new initiative was launched in December 2014 for the first time in the country, with a view to conserve and develop indigenous bovine breeds. Under RGM, this department has continued to organize National Gopal Ratna Award during 2022.

Objective:

- i. To motivate farmers to take up productivity enhancement of indigenous breeds of milch animals in a scientific manner.
- ii. To motivate Artificial insemination Technicians to take up 100% AI coverage, under Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM).
- iii. To motivate Cooperative and Milk producer Companies to grow and to instill competitive spirit.

Categories:

- i. Best Dairy farmer rearing indigenous cattle/buffalo breeds
- ii. Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT)
- iii. Best Dairy Cooperative Society/ Milk producer Company/ Dairy Farmer Producer Organisation

Eligibility :

- i. Farmers maintaining any of the recognized indigenous breeds out of 50 breed of cattle and 17 breeds of buffaloes shall be eligible to apply for award.
- ii. AI technicians of the State/UT Livestock Development Board/State /Milk Federations /NGO's and other private organizations having undergone AI training for a minimum of 90 days shall be eligible to apply for the award.
- iii. A Cooperative society/Milk Producer Company (MPC)/ Farmer Producer Organization (FPO) engaged in Dairy activities set up at village level and is registered under Cooperative Act/ Companies Act collecting at least 100 litres of milk per day and having at least 50 farmer member/milk producer member.

Decoration :

The National Gopal Ratna Award consists of a Certificate of merit, a memento and amount in each category as under:

- Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupee five lakh only) -1st rank
- Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupee three lakh only) -2nd rank
- Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupee two lakh only) -3rd rank

No. of Awardees :

A total of 9 awards are given each year (3 awards in each Category).

Who can apply? :

- i. Self Nomination for individuals is allowed for Best Farmer Dairy and Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT).
- ii. Self Nomination for organisation is allowed for Best Dairy Cooperative/Milk producer Company/ Dairy Farmer producer Organisation.

Procedure for filling up of form:

- i. The online nomination would be self nomination basis by an individual or organization through Ministry of Home Affairs'(MHA) online award portal i.e. <https://awards.gov.in> by individual or with the help of **Common Service Centres (CSC)** or any resource person. Alternatively, the Cooperatives, Farmer producer Companies, Veterinary Officers may help the individual farmers or artificial inseminators to fill up and submit the form.
- ii. One applicant can fill up one application only in one category.
- iii. A person/Organization who has already been awarded with Gopal Ratna and erstwhile Kamdhenu Award in previous years are not eligible for the Gopal Ratna award 2022.

Tentative time schedule;

S. No.	Tentative Dates	Activity
1	1 st August 2022	Commencement of submission of application online
2	15 th September 2022	Last date of Submission of application for awards by applicants.