Announcement of National Gopal Ratna Award 2026 winners -reg.

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The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, is promoting conservation and development of indigenous bovine breeds in a scientific manner. To fulfil this objective, “Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)” was launched by the Department in December 2014.

2. As part of this initiative, the Department has instituted the National Gopal Ratna Award (NGRA) to recognize and encourage the contributions of stakeholders such as Milk producing farmers, dairy cooperative societies/MPC/FPOs and Artificial Insemination Technicians (AITs), engaged in the conservation, development and promotion of indigenous bovine breeds. This year also National Gopal Ratna Award is given for the following categories:

1. Best Dairy farmer rearing indigenous cattle/buffalo breeds.
2. Best Dairy Cooperative Society (DCS)/ Milk producer Company (MPC)/ Dairy Farmer Producer Organization (FPO).
3. Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT).

3. There is special award for North Eastern Region (NER) and Himalayan States so as to encourage and boost the dairy development activities in these States/UTs.

4. NGRA 2026 will be conferred to winners for 1st, 2nd & 3rd ranks and a Special Award for North Eastern Region(NER)/Himalayan States in each category as mentioned above. NGRA 2026 consists of a Certificate of merit, a memento and monetary prize in first two categories i.e Best Dairy Farmer and Best DCS/FPO/MPCs 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
- Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupee two lakh only) -Special Award for North Eastern Region (NER)/Himalayan States.

5. A Certificate of merit and a memento will be provided for Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT) category.

6. The applications were invited through the online application portal i.e. https://awards.gov.in developed by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) during 10.08.2026 to 30.09.2026. A total of 1583 applications were received.

7. After following due procedure, the Department of Animal Husbandry is hereby declaring the winners of **National Gopal Ratna Award 2026** in each category as under:

S. No.	Category	Name of the winners of NGRA 2026 with ranks
1.	Best Dairy farmer rearing indigenous cattle/buffalo breeds	**Non-NER:** 1st Shri Muralidharan Nair, Kottayam, Keralam, 2nd Shri Odedra Rajshibhai, Porbandar, Gujarat, 3rd Shri Madan Mohan Yadav, Gurugram, Haryana. **Special Award for NER/Himalayan:** Shri Sagar Singh Rawat, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand.
2.	Best Dairy Cooperative society/Milk Producer company/ Dairy Farmer producer organization	**Non-NER**: 1st TND 93 Thatchur MPCS, Kallakurichi, Tamil Nadu, 2nd Dinka Milk Producers Cooperative Society Ltd, Mandya, Karnataka. 3rd Eruthenpathy Ksheerolpadaka Sahakarana Sangam, Palakkad, Keralam. **Special Award for NER/Himalayan:** The Chak Devia Dairy Cooperative Ltd, Kathua, Jammu and Kashmir.

3.	Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT)	**Non-NER:** 1st Shri Subhankar Nandi, Hooghly, West Bengal, 2nd Shri Rajesh Kumar Mahto, Giridih, Jharkhand, 3rd Shri Shaik Shafi, District Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore, Andhra Pradesh. **Special Award for NER/Himalayan:** Shri Sudhesh Kumar, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand.

8. The Awards will be conferred by **Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh Alias Lallan Singh**, Hon'ble Minister, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying in the august presence of **Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel**, Hon'ble Minister of State, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying on 26th November 2026 as part of National Milk Day celebration 2026 at Bapu Sabhagar, Muradpur, Patna, Bihar.

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