### Rashtriya Gokul Mission

Rashtriya Gokul Mission has been initiated by Government of India in December 2014 with the aim of development and conservation of indigenous bovine breeds, genetic upgradation of bovine population and enhancing milk production and productivity of bovines thereby making milk production more remunerative to the farmers.

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#### National Institute of Animal Health

The erstwhile Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, GOI (now Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying) has established National Institute of Animal Health with the following mandate:

To act as a nodal institute to recommend licensing of veterinary vaccines in the country

To make available facilities for quality control of veterinary vaccines and diagnostics

To make available standards for veterinary biologicals and diagnostics

This facility was inaugurated on 1st September, 2010 and thereafter general microbiological work and testing was initiated with collection of sera samples from various states of the country under Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme (FMD-CP).

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#### **Abandoning of Animals**

There are media reports as to the cattle rearers abandon their milch cattle and bulls as stray animals when they can no longer produce milk and bear their burden of load. Reports have also been received from various media that the stray animals are causing the threat of crop damage and road accidents.

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# Lok Sabha passes the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2019

The Lok Sabha today passed the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2019. The Bill seeks to grant Indian Citizenship to persons belonging to Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian communities who have migrated to India after facing persecution on grounds of religion in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, if they fulfil conditions for grant of citizenship.

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## India calls for Speedier Expansion of International Solar Alliance

India today called upon more countries to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA) to reduce dependence on fossil fuels to meet the growing energy requirement, even as it acknowledged the phenomenal progress made by the Alliance and the growing solar energy capabilities the world over.

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