Nationwide Artificial Insemination Programme

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The Nationwide Artificial Insemination Programme (N.A.I.P) which was launched by Prime Minister in September 2019 covering 600 chosen districts including aspirational districts as identified by NITI Aayog has picked up the pace.

Aim

The aim of the program to inseminate over 1 crore bovines in 6 months & ear-tag them with 'PashuAadhaar' which is a unique identification provided to the animals so as to enable the Government to identify and track the animals uniquely with all details such as the breed, age, gender and owner details.

Key features

- The NAIP is a **campaign mode genetic up-gradation program covering all breeds of bovines to enhance milk production** using low-cost breeding technology for improving the genetic merit of milch animals with high-quality seed.
- The gestation period for getting the benefits from the AI bovine is approximately 3 years.
- Under this, every **cow and buffalo under AI will be tagged and can be tracked through the Information Network on Animal Productivity and Health (INAPH) Database.**

States participation

- Out of the 28 participating States, High Performing States include Telangana, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh,

Bihar, Uttarakhand, and Jharkhand.

- States that have been lagging includeChattishgarh, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh. In the State of West Bengal, the programme is yet to start.
- The North Eastern States except Sikkim are lagging behind and need to expedite the progress so as to ensure that the people in their States can benefit from the programme.