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December 24, 2019

Topic: Agriculture and Livestock.

News:-Desi cows population sees an increase in Punjab

- 20th Livestock Census was conducted recently.
- It has provided the data that the total population of cows in the state is 25.31 lakh.
- 4.25 lakh of them are desi cows. (17 % of the total).
- The 15% increase in the population of desi cows has been witnessed since 2012.

Breeds of desi cows in Punjab:-

- Haryana
- Sahiwal
- Rathi
- Nagori and
- Thaparkar.

The population of desi cows is mainly concentrated in South Punjab (Malwa):-

- Fazilka – 69000 (desi cows).
- Sangrur – 51000
- Bathinda – 33000
- Mansa – 31679
- Muktsar – 24481.

In Fazilka, Sahiwal breed is the most popular.

About Sahiwal:-

- Sahiwal is a breed of Zebu cattle which primarily is used in dairy production.
- The name Sahiwal originates from the Sahiwal district of Punjab province in Pakistan and is found in Sahiwal in Pakistan, Ferozpur, Amritsar and Sri Ganganagar in India.
- Sahiwal produces 9 – 10 litre of milk every day, but the yield may go up to 30 – 32 litre.
- There are only 40000 pure breeds Sahiwal cows in Punjab.
- The count of desi cows has gone down in the country though.
- A 26% decline in desi cows has been observed since 1992.
- The government of India has been pursuing the Embryo Transfer Technology project in GADVASU and Animal Husbandry Department.
- GADVASU is a veterinary University in Ludhiana , Punjab.
- Although Punjab has been promoting exotic breeds of cows such as Holstein Friesian, Jersey etc, Sahiwal breed has also become popular in the last 10 years.

(Source:- The Tribune)

Topic: Health

News:-The OPD services centre inaugurated in AIIMS centre at Bathinda.

- OPD means an Out Patient Department of a hospital. It is the section of the hospital where patients are provided medical consultations and other allied services.
- The institute would provide services not only to Punjab but also nearby states such As Haryana and Rajasthan.
- The Union government is planning to set up 22 such institutions in the country.

(Source:- The Tribune)

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