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# CHALO LOKU FESTIVAL

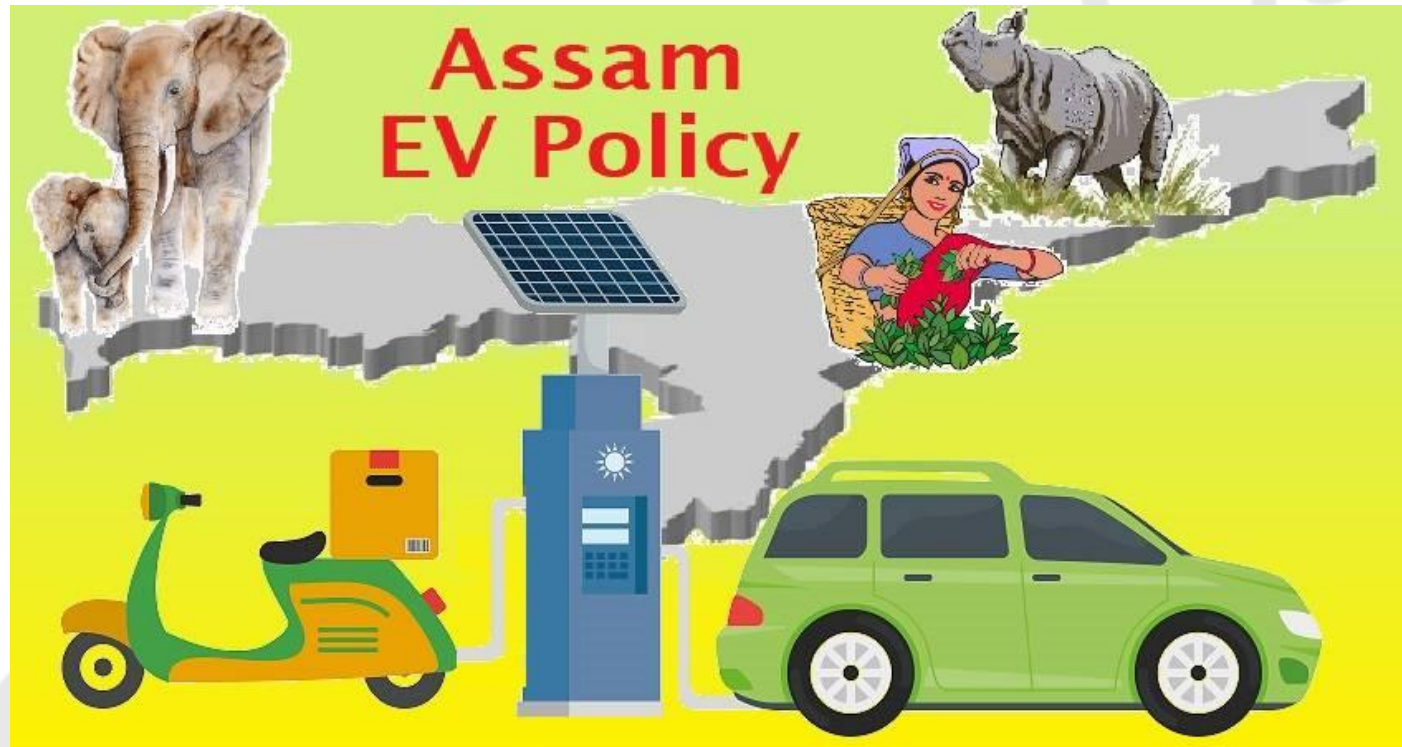


## CONTEXT

- Arunachal Pradesh Health and Family Welfare Minister **Alo Libang** commended the **Nocte community** of **Tirap district** for diligently preserving their rich cultural heritage.



# ELECTRIC VEHICLE POLICY OF ASSAM



# CONTEXT

- The assam government has introduced the electric vehicle policy in 2021

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## Electric Vehicles Policy of Assam, 2021

### Bonanza for EV Buyers

**For first-time EV buyers**

- ▶ 100% discount on registration
- ▶ 100% discount on road tax
- ▶ 100% discount on parking
- ▶ Subsidy up to Rs 20,000 for 2-wheelers
- ▶ Subsidy up to Rs 50,000 for 3-wheelers
- ▶ Subsidy up to Rs 1.5 lakh for 4-wheelers
- ▶ 90% discount at EV charging stations

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## ABOUT THE POLICY

- The **objectives** of the policy are to **leverage electric mobility** for advancing towards **clean transportation**, **ensuring environmental sustainability** and fostering **local manufacturing** of **EV component** within the Assam.
- The implementing authority is the **Transport Department** of **Assam**.
- The policy aims to deploy **2 lakh** electric vehicles by **2026**.

- This involves converting govt. vehicles and public buses to electric along with **incentivizing** private **EV adoption**.
- First time EV buyers benefit from **substantial discounts, 100%** on **registration, road tax, parking charges, 50% rebate** on toll tax for **5 years**.

## KEY GAPS IN CURRENT EV POLICY

- The current EV policy lacks provisions for **skill development, startup support, and capacity building**.
- **Subsidies and rebates** for EV freight vehicles, both light and heavy, are absent, hampering **emissions reduction** in commercial transport.
- Integration of **Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI)** into the **Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC)** is crucial for robust EV charging infrastructure development.



## EXAMPLES OF OTHER STATES EV POLICY

- **Maharashtra** has incorporated innovative measures such as emphasizing **job creation** opportunities and promoting **R&D** in **electric mobility**
- **Haryana's EV policy** focuses on standardizing charging **infrastructure** and dedicated parking zones
- **Telangana** offers benefits like 100% exemption on **stamp duty, transfer duty**, and **registration fees** for **EV manufacturers**.

## CONCLUSION

- Incorporating innovative measures like **job creation**, **charging infrastructure standardization**, and **comprehensive incentives**, states like Maharashtra, Haryana, and Telangana offer valuable insights for crafting a holistic EV policy that drives **sustainable electric vehicle adoption** and a **greener future**.

# INDIA'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE SUGAR SECTOR



## CONTEXT

- India's election as the **2024 Chair** of the **International Sugar Organisation (ISO)** reflects its pivotal role in the global sugar industry, marked by significant **production** and **consumption**.



# INDIA'S KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

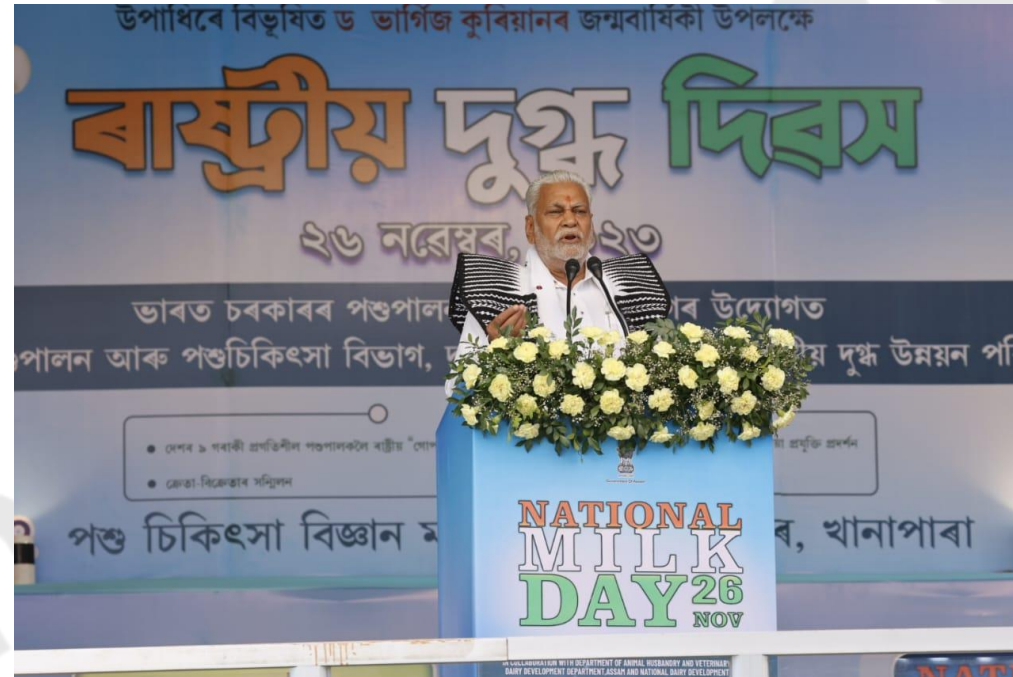
- India offers the **highest cane prices globally**, ensuring **fair compensation** for sugarcane farmers.
- Despite high global sugar prices, India maintains affordable sugar prices for consumers, with only a minimal 5% increase from the previous year.
- India achieves a significant milestone with **12% ethanol** blending with **petrol** in **2022-23**, contributing to **green energy initiatives** and reducing **fossil fuel imports**.

- The Indian sugar industry demonstrates resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic, maintaining operations and diversifying **revenue streams** through **by-product utilization**.
- Timely payments to farmers are a priority, with over **98% of cane** dues for the 2022-23 season already paid and pendency at an all-time low.
- India collaborates internationally through the **National Sugar Institute**, sharing technology and best practices with countries like Indonesia, Nigeria, Egypt, and Fiji, contributing to the global sugar industry's advancement.

## SIGNIFICANCE

- India's election as the Chair of the International Sugar Organisation (ISO) for 2024 highlights its prominence in the global sugar sector.
- India's achievements in **fair cane pricing, ethanol blending, sustainable practices,** and **timely farmer payments** demonstrate its commitment to the sugar industry's growth.
- The country's ability to balance the interests of farmers, industry, and consumers serves as a model for the world.

# NATIONAL MILK DAY





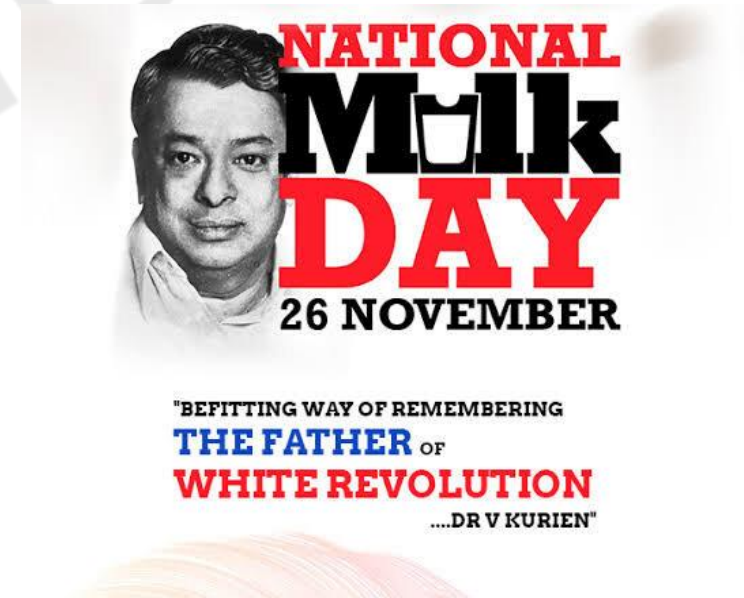
## CONTEXT

➤ **National Milk day, 2023** was organised by **Department of Animal Husbandary** at Guwahati today, graced by the esteemed presence of Hon'ble Union Minister MoS Parshottam Rupala and other dignitaries.



## ABOUT

- National Milk Day is celebrated every year on **November 26th** to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Dr. Verghese Kurien**, also known as the "**Father of the White Revolution**" in India.
- Dr. Kurien was a pioneer in transforming India's milk industry and played a significant role in making India self-sufficient in milk production through initiatives like **Operation Flood**.



- The day is an opportunity to acknowledge the vital role that milk plays in the lives of millions of Indians and to pay tribute to Dr. Kurien's contributions to the **dairy industry**.

## LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY SECTOR

- The **National Gopal Ratna Award**, one of the highest **national awards** in the **livestock** and **dairy sector** was also awarded in the same event.
- The award is given with an objective to recognize and encourage all individuals like Farmers rearing indigenous animals, AI Technicians and Dairy cooperative societies / Milk Producer Company/Dairy farmers Producers Organizations working in this sector.

- The livestock sector is important to the Indian economy, comprising **one-third** of the **agriculture** and **allied sectors** and with a compound annual growth rate of more than 8 percent.



## MILK PRODUCTION

- **India** is the **highest milk-producing country** in the world. It is followed by the **United states**.
- **Rajasthan** is the **highest** milk producing state in India.
- **Operation Flood** is related to the **White revolution of India**. It was launched in 1973 by the **National Development Board**.

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