

Brazilian Gir gives 10,000 litres of milk in 1 lactation

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Gir is a popular breed, not just in India but also abroad with countries like the USA, Mexico and Venezuela. In India, it is endemic to the Gir forest, from which it has taken its name, and areas around it though now it can also be found in other states. UP, in fact, has launched a scheme in which it subsidises the import of the indigenous variety from across the state border. Manoj Kumar Singh, the agriculture

produce commissioner who was part of the official delegation that held a road show in Brazil ahead of the February 2023 Global Investors Summit, told TOI that they had met the representatives from the firm and had invited them to invest in UP. "Compared to the Indian Gir, which gives around 2,000 ltr of milk in one lactation, the Brazilian Gir will give 10,000 ltr. It is a result of a better diet and health facilities there that the cow, which originally went from India, has now evolved in-

to a healthier and studier breed. In Brazil, we held talks with some companies and had invited them to visit UP and invest here," he said.

According to the MoU, BH Embrioes will provide veterinarians who are specialised in embryo transfer and oocyte retrieval (a procedure in which eggs are taken from the ovaries before in-vitro fertilization (IVF) process), reproduction services and other related services for the genetic improvement programme which will be

run by Ananda Dairy. The services will include disease diagnostics and strategic disease control to improve reproduction results. The project will be divided into two phases which includes picking up oocytes from the Brazilian Girlando cows, preparing and transferring the embryos produced from these cows in the Indian receptors at pre-selected farms and setting up labs in India to produce embryos in order to ensure economic viability for local farmers.