

Gaddi Dog: Indigenous Dog Breed from Himalayas

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About Gaddi Dog:

- The breed is named after the **Gaddi shepherds of Himachal Pradesh** and has been used by them to guard their flocks of sheep and goats from predators.
- Its ability to fight and fend off carnivores such as the Snow Leopard has also earned it the nickname of the '**Indian Panther Hound**' or '**Indian leopard Hound**'.
- The breed is mainly found in the Himalayan region.
- It is the **fourth indigenous canine** after **Rajapalayam** and **Chippiparai** of Tamil Nadu and **Mudhol Hound of Karnataka** to be accorded the status.
- **Appearance**
 - Gaddi Dogs are predominately black with occasional white marking on the feet, tail, or trunk region. One of their main attributes is their massive, arched neck that protects them from predators.
 - These dogs have harmonious build, medium stature, moderately long, robust muscular body,
- **Main benefit of Recognition:** It will help in maintaining purity of this breed that is much in demand and conducive to the Himalayan region.

Q1: What is the Indian Council of Agricultural Research?

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