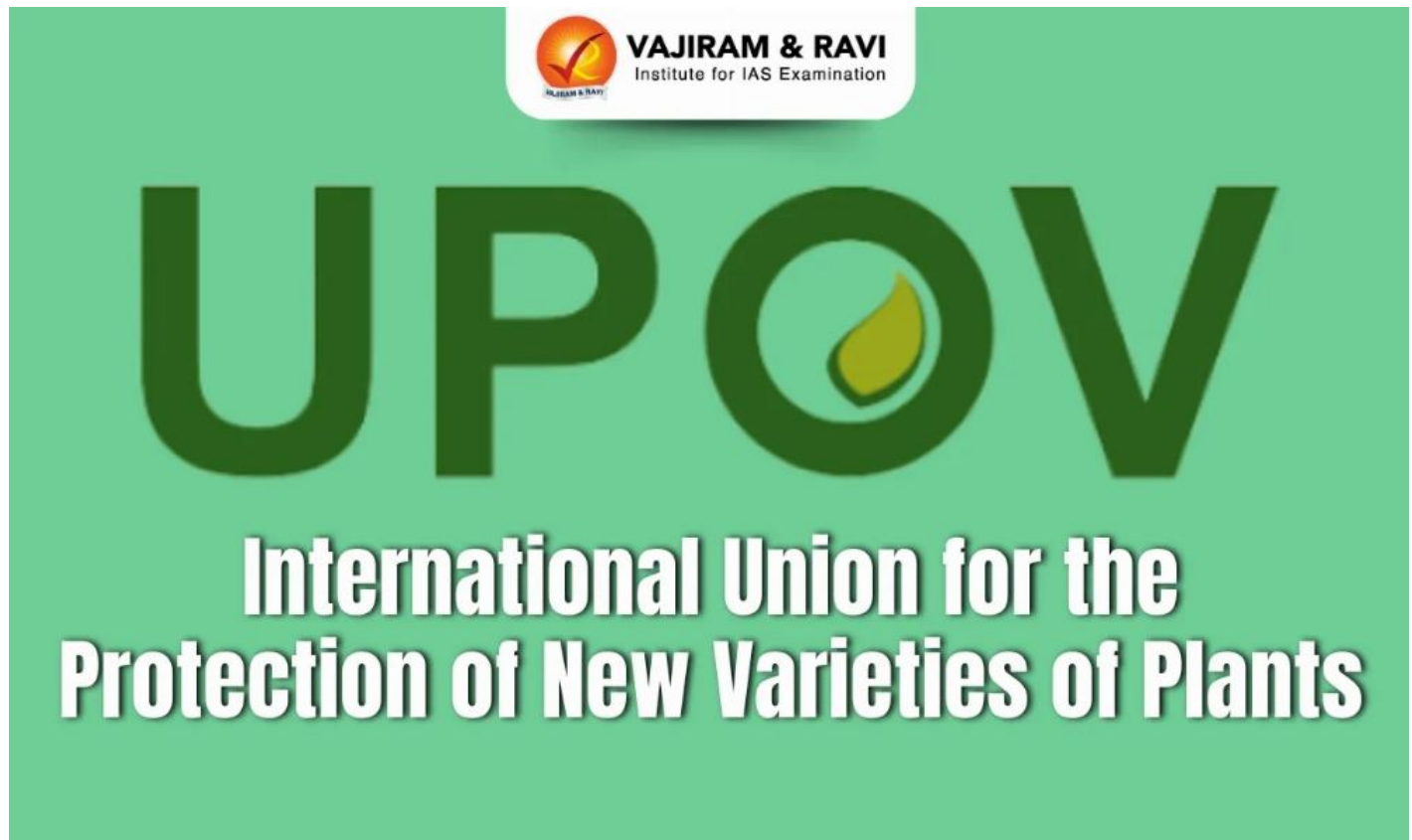


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The report released by GRAIN documented how a growing number of FTAs compel countries to adopt plant variety protection standards set by the 1991 UPOV Convention.

About International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)

- UPOV is an **intergovernmental organization** established in **1961** to provide an effective system of **plant variety protection**.
- It administers the **UPOV Convention**, which provides a legal framework for plant variety protection implemented by its members.

- **Purpose:** Under this framework, breeders of **new plant varieties are granted an intellectual property right** known as **the breeder's right**, which incentivizes innovation in plant breeding.
- The **UPOV Convention** entered into force in **1968 and was revised in 1972, 1978 and 1991**, each time strengthening plant breeders' rights.
- **Member countries: 80 members** have become members of UPOV. (**India is not a member** of this organization)
- **Headquarter:** Geneva (Switzerland).

Governance of International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)

- The UPOV member countries hold annual meetings of **the UPOV Council**, a permanent body under the UPOV Convention.
- Other UPOV bodies include the **Consultative Committee**, the **Administrative and Legal Committee**, and the **Technical Committee**

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