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# India Emerges Global Leader in Issuing IRCCs under Nagoya Protocol

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## Why in News

India has emerged as the global leader in issuing Internationally Recognised Certificates of Compliance (IRCCs) under the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS).

## Key Highlights

India has issued 3,561 IRCCs out of 6,311 globally, accounting for over 56% share.

Only 34 out of 142 countries registered on the ABS Clearing-House have issued IRCCs.

India is followed by:

France (964)

Spain

Argentina

Panama

Kenya

## What are IRCCs?

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IRCCs are official certificates issued under the Nagoya Protocol.

They confirm:

Prior Informed Consent (PIC) has been obtained

Mutually Agreed Terms (MAT) are established

**They ensure:**

Transparency

Legal access to genetic resources

Fair sharing of benefits

**Nagoya Protocol – Key Facts**

Adopted in 2010 at Nagoya (Japan)

Came into force in 2014

Supplementary agreement to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

**Objective:**

Fair and equitable sharing of benefits from genetic resources

Promote biodiversity conservation and sustainable use

India's Institutional Framework (ABS Mechanism)

**India's strong performance is due to effective implementation under:**

Biological Diversity Act, 2002

Three-tier structure:

National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)

State Biodiversity Boards (SBBs)

Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs)

**Additional Facts:**

Over 2.76 lakh BMCs established for grassroots participation

India issued the world's first IRCC in 2015

Significance of India's Achievement

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- Shows global leadership in biodiversity governance
- Strengthens compliance and transparency mechanisms
- Ensures benefit sharing with local communities
- Supports traditional knowledge protection
- Enhances India's role in international environmental agreements