

Breeding

Speaker:

Satish Iyer

Registrar, Indian Stud Book



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

Satish R Iyer
Registrar
Indian Stud Book
Stud Book Authority of India



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

1

Early Days

2

Birth and Flashback before 1947

3

Disastrous Setback after 1947

4

Reconstruction and Expansion

5

Subsequent Growth



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

- EARLY DAYS
- 1780 (Madras) until the 1930s
- Racing with imported horses-Arabs or English/Antipodean stock



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

- By the 1930s, breeding going on in India – mainly for Army.
- Thoroughbred blood filtering in.
- Mr Soparivala (Pune) and Maj. Dennis Vanrenen (Punjab)



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

- Increase in number of horses.
- Increase in racecourses.
- Close to a hundred race courses.



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

Initially no breeding as industry

FASTNET

DARK LEGEND

BUNWORRY



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

**Transformation of the country-bred to the
Indian Thoroughbred**



Thoroughbred Breeding in India



Sir Victor Sassoon

**Founder of the Eve Bloodstock Scheme
– operated in conjunction with Royal
Western Indian Turf Club**



Thoroughbred Breeding in India



Pushed for “Indianisation” of racing in Western India – **a seminal development** for the infant breeding industry

Mr K M Munshi



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

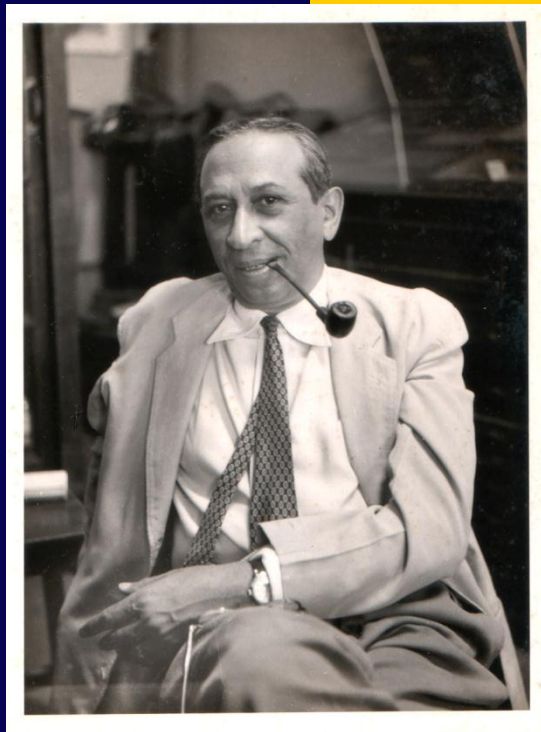
Maj. Dennis Vanrenen

His obituary in the Bloodstock Breeders' Review in 1938 says :

*He was noted for his fierce advocacy and his energetic work in endeavoring to **develop a pure "Indian-bred" horse**. He set out after the World War to evolve what he termed "a new and true Indian horse based on imported thoroughbred blood"*



Thoroughbred Breeding in India



Mr Faly Wadia

One of the earliest pioneers of the breeding industry. Spearheaded the **campaign to save racing** which was under the axe due to political decisions



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

**National Horse Breeding And Show Society of India
(now National Horse Breeding Society of India)**

**Produced an Indian Stud Book in 1927 which
included breeds like the Thoroughbreds, Trotters,
Marwari, Kathiawari, Desert Arabians, etc.**



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

**Royal Western India Turf Club published the first volume of
THE INDIAN STUD BOOK in 1942**



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

Flashback

GLEN LOAN (2nd in the Eclipse Stakes to **BLUE PETER**)

HOCUS POCUS (Irish 2000 Guineas)

MACKANN (French 2000 Guineas)

PORTMARNOCK (Champion English 2YO in 1937)

MONDRAGON (Irish Derby)

PARADINE (2nd in English 2000 Guineas) and broodmares like

LAUGHING WATER (2nd in in the English 1000 Guineas and dam of champion Indian filly **HER MAJESTY**),

WICK BRIDGE (2nd in in the Irish 1000 Guineas)



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

**Import of Foreign Horses was halted in June 1941
due to World War II**



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

The wartime ban on imports was lifted in 1945 and a large shipment of high quality English mares arrived in October 1946

The effective number of mares rose from only 385 in 1940 to over 1000 in 1947



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

Disastrous setback post Independence

1947 : decision to ban racing announced

Grace period of six years to wind up stud farms

Many Northern farms lost to Pakistan after Partition,
many Indian farms shut down and **mare population**
plummeted to 400



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

Reconstruction and Expansion

Political uncertainty

Severe import restriction

Land ceilings

Taxation policies



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

Growth in the Sixties and Seventies

Slow import liberalization as foreign exchange position of India improved



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

Better situation in the Eighties and Nineties

Substantial progress

**Good quality imports e.g. sons and daughters of
MR. PROSPECTOR, NORTHERN DANCER,
LYPHARD, DANZIG, NUREYEV, SADLER'S WELLS,
RED GOD, BLUSHING GROOM, SHIRLEY
HEIGHTS, RIVERMAN, IRISH RIVER, HABITAT,
SIR GAYLORD, etc.**



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

Exports in the Nineties

**Improvement in quality of Indian bloodstock
led to export efforts**



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

Exports in the Nineties



Astonish winning in Hong Kong



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

Exports

ADLER in USA, SIMPLY NOBLE in Malaysia, SADDLE UP in Singapore and MYSTICAL in Dubai, just to name a few.

Timeform International Ratings :

SADDLE UP	117
MYSTICAL	117



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

Improvement in quality of breeding stock

Razeen, all time champion sire in History of Indian breeding

**Placerville, Alnasr Alwasheek, Diffident, Glory of Dancer,
Burden of Proof, Multidimensional, to name but a few.**

**Champion Indian mare Jacqueline, who has a yearling and a
foal at foot by Galileo**



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

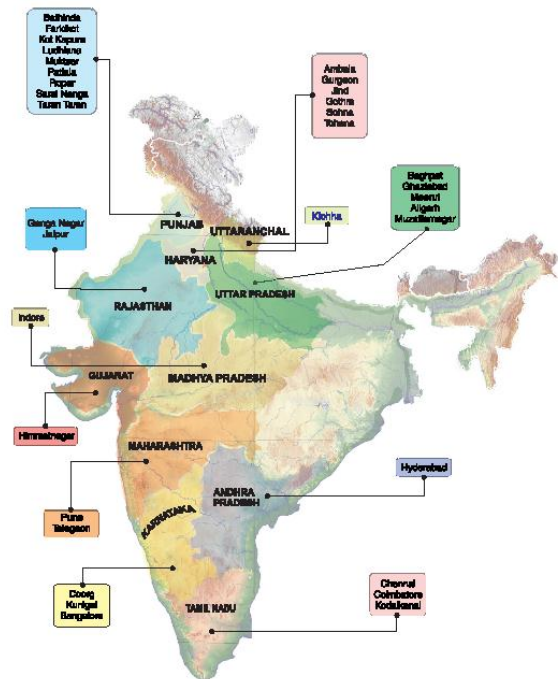
Stud Book Authority of India
Official Website:-

www.indianstudbook.com



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

BREEDING AREAS IN INDIA



No of Breeding Establishments in India : 80

No of Stallions 103

No of Broodmares 2806

Foals born in 2013 1600

No of mares covered in 2013 2420

No of mares imported in 2014 50



Thoroughbred Breeding in India



Yearlings at one of India's oldest stud farms



Thoroughbred Breeding in India



Another farm in the Pune region



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

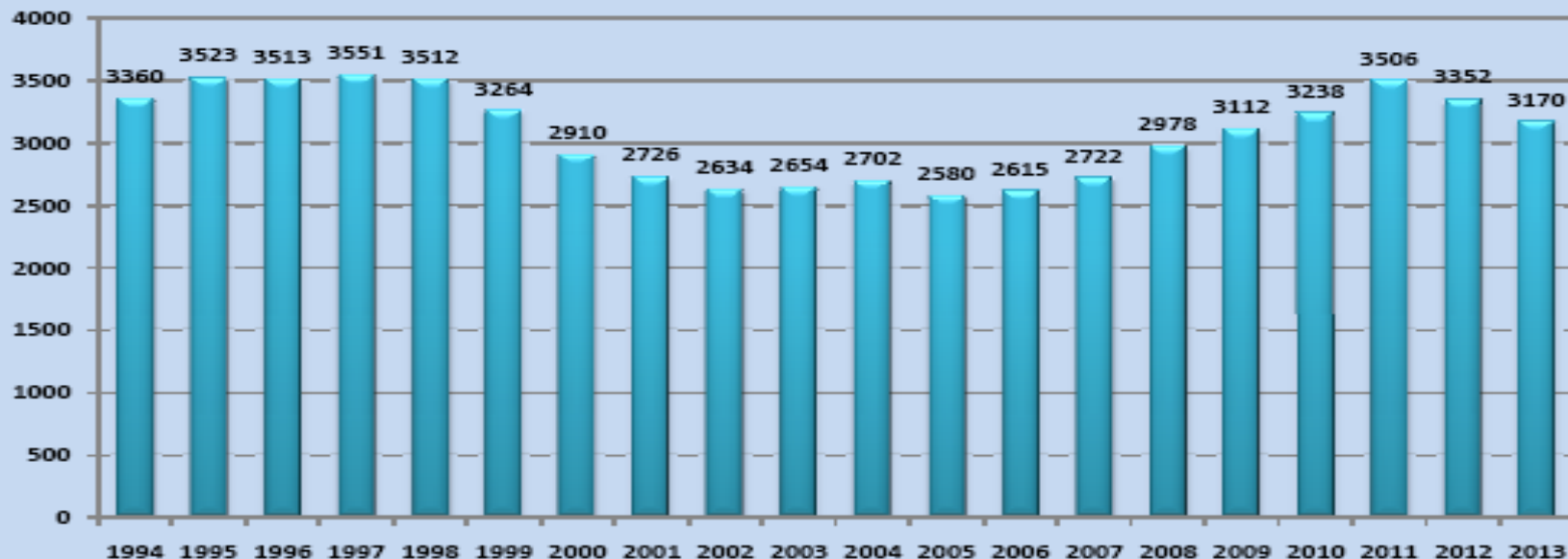


Yearlings at a farm in North India



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

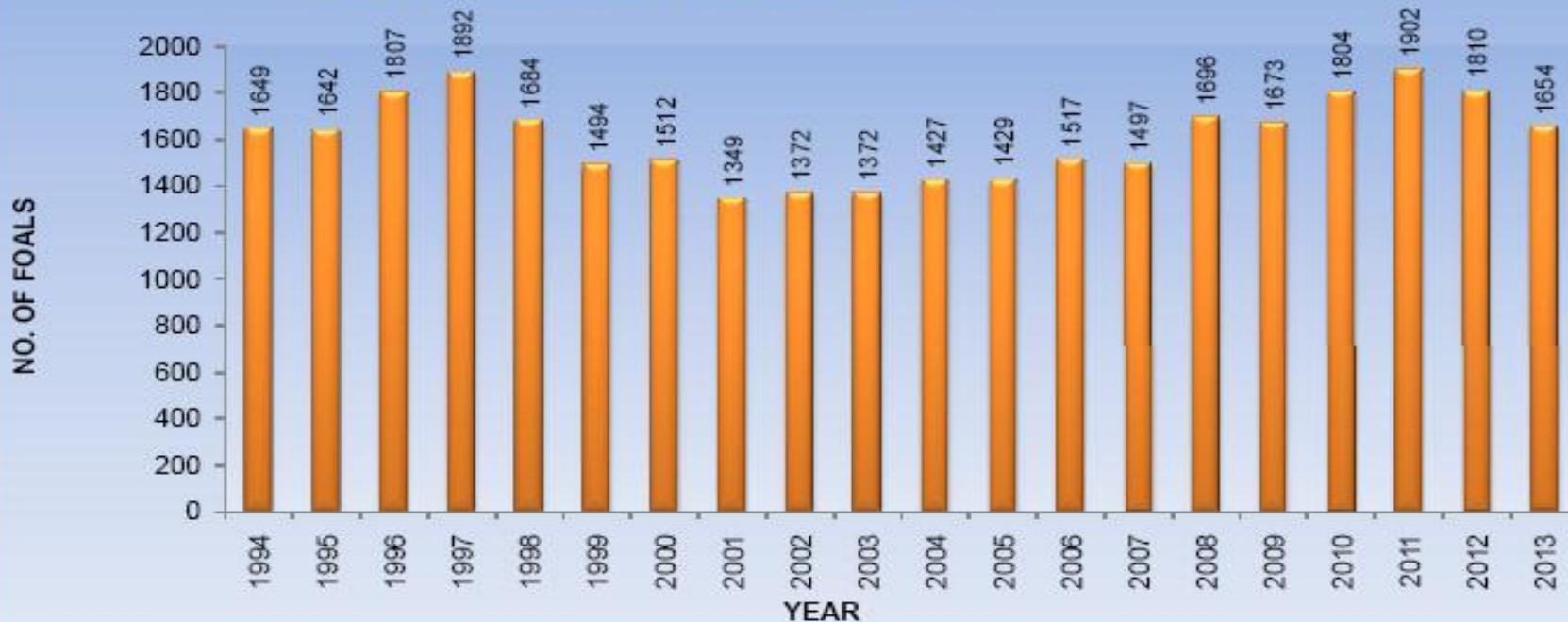
BROODMARES AT STUD FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS





Thoroughbred Breeding in India

FOALS BORN IN INDIA IN LAST 20 YEARS





Thoroughbred Breeding in India

Stud Book Authority of India

Comprehensive Library in Pune



Thoroughbred Breeding in India

Stud Book Authority of India

International Recognition

**Represents Asia along with Japan as a world
zonal member -- ASBC**

**DNA typing Laboratory accredited to
International Society for Animal Genetics**

Thoroughbred Breeding in India

Thank You !