

# Challenges & Opportunities for Indian Racing

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## EARLY DAYS

Racing with English, Antipodean horses flourished in 19<sup>th</sup> & early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Excellent racehorses – DARK LEGEND, FASTNET, FINALIST, BUNWORRY etc. Many returned home to breed there.

Great Northern farming estates bred for cavalry regiments, often with well bred imported stallions.

Spin-off = small number of racehorses labeled “country bred”, but managed to win in open company in the 1920s and 1930s.

## **ORGANIZED BREEDING**

Started in about 1938 – 1939, with new studs established.

High quality stock came in until 1942, including winners or placed horses in English, French & Irish Classics, Eclipse Sks, and fillies second in English & Irish 1000 Gns.

**Reservation of races for Indian-breds, and institution of Indian Classic races gave vital stimulus.**

First volume Indian Stud Book – 1942.

*Imports banned 1941 to 1945 due WWII*

## **DARK DAYS 1947 – 1948 and aftermath**

***Rapidly growing industry halted suddenly in its tracks.***

North India studs lost to Pakistan after Partition (1947).

Axe on racing in important centers announced 1947 & not revoked till 1953.

Disastrous impact on growing industry with loss of mares, and closure of many studs.

*Later : severe foreign exchange shortage affected imports after 1958. Led to long lasting restrictions on numbers and severe caps on individual values.*

## CURRENT STATUS

Stud farms	77
Broodmares	2487
Stallions	89
Foal crops	1400 approx

### Stallions at stud :

<b>Gr. 1</b> winners	11	<b>Gr.1</b> placed	19
<b>Gr. 2</b> winners	27	<b>Gr.2</b> placed	04

## PERFORMANCES ABROAD

ASTONISH	Hong Kong
SADDLE UP	Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong
MYSTICAL	Dubai – during Carnival
POLAR FALCON	Singapore
BOUNTIFUL TREASURE	Malaysia
ADLER	USA
INGLENOOK	Malaysia

### Ratings :

SADDLE UP	Timeform 117
MYSTICAL	Timeform 117

## CHALLENGES TO EXPORT

EU and AUSTRALIA / NZ do not allow import of Indian horses.

EU – No transit possible, making it difficult to go to UK /  
IRELAND.

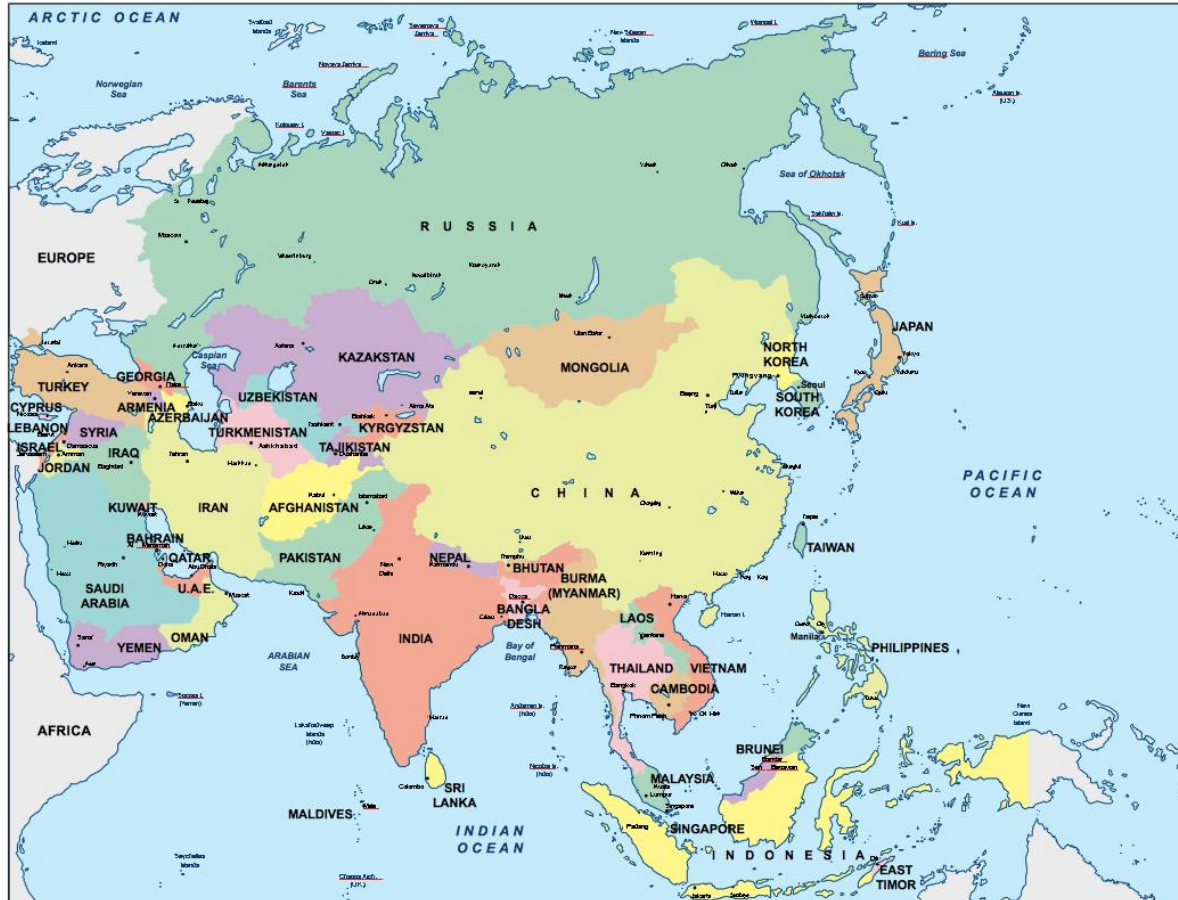
Logistics and expense therefore prohibitive

Other countries bilateral protocols have been achieved

MALAYSIA – 1980s / 1990s

UAE – Earlier for temporary racing only. Interrupted  
(??) due EI outbreak in India

Perceptions about disease and regulation in India





## DISEASE OCCURENCE

EIA	USA, Germany, Canada, France
EVA	Germany, France, USA , Switzerland
EHV 1	France, UK, Germany, Japan, Switzerland, NZ
EHV 3	USA
EHV 4	France, Germany, Switzerland, UK
EI	Europe, USA
EEE	USA
WNV	USA
PIROPLASMOSIS	France, USA,UAE
CEM	Germany (non-TB)
AHS	S.Africa (seasonal)

*Source : Equine Disease Quarterly (Univ. KY) – July 2014 to Oct 2015*

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