GOBARdhan Scheme

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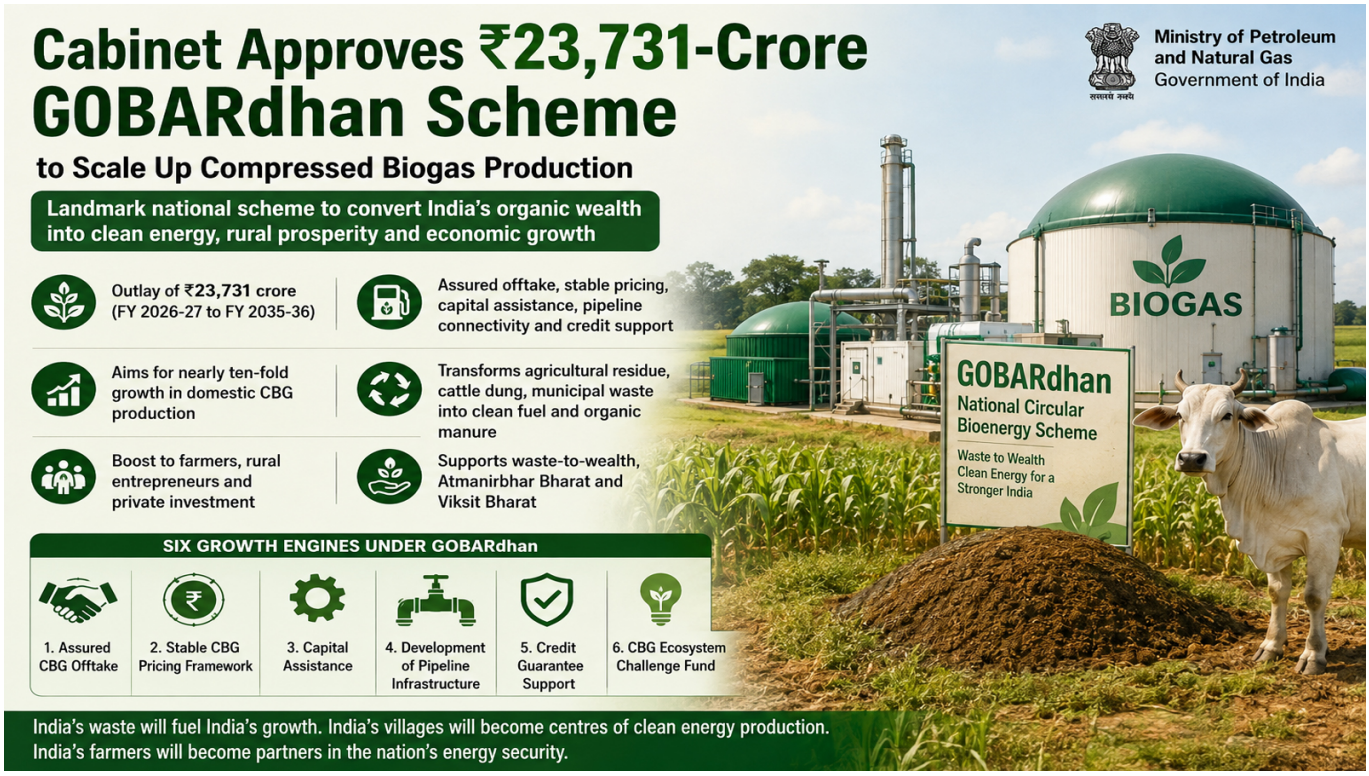
The GOBARdhan Central Sector Scheme (National Circular Bioenergy Scheme), carrying a total financial outlay of Rs.23,731 crore, officially came into effect on September 1, 2026.

- **Full Form-** Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan.
- **Aim -** To scale up the production and use of Compressed Biogas (CBG) in India.
- The scheme marks a national push to transform agricultural residue, cattle dung, press mud, and municipal organic waste into Compressed Biogas (CBG) and organic manure.
- **Implementation Period** - Financial year 2026–27 to 2035–36.
- **Nodal Ministry -** Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG).
- **Production Scale Target -** Aims to increase India's domestic Compressed Biogas (CBG) production nearly **10-fold**.
- **Six Growth Engines Framework**
    - **Assured CBG Offtake -** Mandated offtake mechanisms to guarantee off-takers for produced biogas.
    - **Stable Pricing Framework -** Establishes a government-backed administered CBG price of **Rs.2,110 per MMBTU** (Metric Million British Thermal Unit).
    - **Capital Assistance -** Grants up to **Rs.2 crore per ton per day (TPD)** of installed CBG capacity for eligible greenfield projects, along with support for brownfield expansions.
    - **Pipeline Infrastructure Support -** Funding dedicated to cluster-based and standalone pipeline connectivity joining CBG facilities to City Gas Distribution (CGD) networks.
    - **Credit Guarantee Support -** Risk-sharing credit guarantees to lower collateral hurdles for MSME-based developers.
    - **CBG Ecosystem Challenge Fund-** Grants to drive local biomass mapping, technology adoption, and organic manure value-addition.



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