

GOBARdhan Scheme

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Why in News?

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.

Cabinet Approves ₹23,731-Crore GOBARdhan Scheme

to Scale Up Compressed Biogas Production

Landmark national scheme to convert India's organic wealth into clean energy, rural prosperity and economic growth



Outlay of ₹23,731 crore
(FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36)



Assured offtake, stable pricing,
capital assistance, pipeline
connectivity and credit support



Aims for nearly ten-fold
growth in domestic CBG
production



Transforms agricultural residue,
cattle dung, municipal waste
into clean fuel and organic
manure



Boost to farmers, rural
entrepreneurs and
private investment



Supports waste-to-wealth,
Atmanirbhar Bharat and
Viksit Bharat

SIX GROWTH ENGINES UNDER GOBARdhan



1. Assured
CBG Offtake



2. Stable CBG
Pricing Framework



3. Capital
Assistance



4. Development
of Pipeline
Infrastructure



5. Credit
Guarantee
Support



6. CBG Ecosystem
Challenge Fund

India's waste will fuel India's growth. India's villages will become centres of clean energy production.
India's farmers will become partners in the nation's energy security.



Ministry of Petroleum
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