

GOBARdhan Scheme

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Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved the GOBARdhan Scheme.

About GOBARdhan Scheme

- The GOBARdhan (**Galvanising Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan**) is a National Circular Bioenergy Scheme that creates a nationwide **waste-to-energy ecosystem**.
- It aims to **increase domestic Compressed Biogas** (CBG) production nearly ten-fold, mobilize large-scale private investment and create a vibrant circular bioeconomy across the country.
- **Time Period:** It will be implemented **from FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36** and will establish Compressed Biogas as a major pillar of India's future energy mix.
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

Components of GOBARdhan Scheme

- **Assured CBG Offtake:** Under this, a dedicated framework requires **City Gas Distribution** entities to meet a **notified CBG blending obligation** of 3% in FY27, 4% in FY28, and 5% from FY29 onwards in CNG and PNG segments.
- **Stable CBG Pricing Framework:** It introduces a **stable administered CBG price of Rs.2,110** per Metric Million British Thermal Unit (MMBTU), supported through a government-backed pricing framework.
- **Capital Assistance:** Eligible greenfield CBG projects will receive **capital assistance of up to Rs.2 crore per ton per day** (TPD) of installed CBG capacity.
- The support extends beyond core plant machinery to critical value-chain assets for feedstock aggregation, organic manure processing and value addition. Brownfield projects expanding their production capacity will also be eligible.
- **Development of Pipeline Infrastructure:** The Scheme supports both **cluster-based and standalone pipeline infrastructure** connecting CBG plants with trunk pipelines and City Gas Distribution networks.
- **Credit Guarantee Support:** A dedicated Credit Guarantee mechanism will **strengthen lender confidence** and expand the flow of institutional credit to eligible MSME-based CBG projects.
- **CBG Ecosystem Challenge Fund:** GOBARDhan establishes a dedicated CBG Ecosystem Challenge Fund to **accelerate district-level implementation** and strengthen local value chains across the CBG ecosystem.

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