

GOBARdhan Initiative

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The [GOBARdhan initiative](#) of the Union Government has recently started stimulating **investments** and has been successful in majority of its approach.

2. Objectives of GOBARdhan



To support villages safely manage their cattle and agricultural waste, and make the villages clean

To support communities in converting cattle and organic waste into wealth using treatment systems



To convert organic waste, especially cattle waste, to biogas and organic manure for use in rural areas

To promote environmental sanitation and curb vector-borne diseases through effective disposal of waste in rural areas



To promote rural employment and income generation opportunities by involving entrepreneurs, SHGs and youth groups in setting up, operating and managing GOBARdhan units

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About the GOBARdhan Initiative:

- The GOBARdhan Initiative aims to transform “**Waste to Wealth**” by creating ecosystem for [Compressed Biogas](#) (CBG)/Biogas through **policy enablers** and attractive **benefits**.
- **Stands for:** Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan
- It was launched under **Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen-Phase II**.
- It helps in **scientific management** of **organic** or **biodegradable** waste while also providing

resource and **monetary** benefits to **rural** households.

- It **supports** villages to effectively manage their **cattle** and **biodegradable waste**.
- It focuses to:
 - Keep villages **clean**.
 - **Increase** the **income** of rural households
 - **Generate energy** and **organic manure** from **cattle waste**
 - Create new **rural livelihood opportunities** for rural people

Benefits of GOBAR-Dhan Scheme:



Manages waste

Helps manage the major solid waste in villages, i.e, cattle dung, and promotes environmental sanitation



Protects health

Substantially reduces the incidence of vector-borne diseases and promotes public health



Increases employment

Promotes employment and income generation opportunities for SHGs/ farmers groups



Generates organic manure

Helps generate organic manure, which boosts agriculture and farm productivity



Improves savings

Promotes household income and savings as the use of biogas as fuel will cut down the LPG cost



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Guiding principles of GOBAR-Dhan Scheme:

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Success of the GOBARdhan Initiative:

- The [Unified Registration Portal for GOBARdhan](#) is helping to streamline the process of **registration** of functional or under construction Biogas or **CBG plants** across the country.
- More than **100 CBG plants** are **under construction** soon after the **portal** has been launched.

Other government schemes and initiatives for CBG:

- **Market Development Assistance (MDA)** to promote **organic fertilizers**
- **Amendment in Fertilizer Control Order** to make marketing of Fermented Organic Manure (FOM) or Liquid FOM easier.
- Exemption of **central excise duty** to **Compressed natural gas (CNG)** blended with **CBG** to **prevent double taxation**
- Inclusion of CBG in the list of **activities** for trading of [carbon credit](#) under bilateral or cooperative approaches etc.