

GOBAR-Dhan Scheme

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In news

State Government Andhra Pradesh issued orders constituting the Apex Committee and Advisory Committee for implementation of GOBAR DHAN Plants 2020-21 on a pilot basis.

About GOBAR-Dhan Scheme

- **Ministry:** Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation
- **GOBAR-DHAN:** Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan
- **Aims:** To positively impact village cleanliness and generate wealth and energy from cattle and organic waste.

Features of GOBAR-DHAN Scheme

- The scheme **focuses on managing and converting cattle dung and solid waste** in farms to useful compost, biogas and bio-CNG.
- It will also help in keeping the **village clean** while increasing income of farmers and cattle herders.
- The scheme will be hugely beneficial for the country as **India is home to the highest cattle population in the world** (around 300 million in number) which produces around 3 million tonnes of dung.
- It will **encourage farmers** to consider dung and other waste not just as waste but as a source of income.
- The scheme will provide **many benefits to rural people** by keeping villages clean and sanitized, improving livestock health and increasing farm yields.
- Under it, **biogas generation** will help to increase self-reliance in energy utilized for cooking and lighting.
- The scheme will **augment income of farmers and cattle herders**. It will create **new opportunities for jobs** linked to waste collection, transportation, biogas sales

etc.

- It will also provide **stable fuel supply in the market for oil companies** and accessible credit in the market through government schemes and banks for entrepreneurs.
- Under it, villagers will be **mobilized to create self-help groups (SHGs)** and creative societies that will help in clean energy and green jobs initiatives.
- **Gram panchayats will play a key role** in implementation of this scheme under which biogas plants from cattle dung will be set up at individual or community level and also at level of Self Help Groups (**SHGs**) and **NGOs like Gaushalas**.
- The **central and state governments will provide funds in the ratio of 60:40**, which will depend upon the number of households in villages.
- They will also provide **assistance from experts** for setting up the plants.