



Rajasthan City Gas Distribution (CGD) Policy 2025

Why in News?

The Rajasthan Cabinet **approved the Rajasthan City Gas Distribution (CGD) Policy-2025**, which seeks to strengthen the gas-based energy framework within the state.

Note: CGD networks are an interconnected system of **underground natural gas pipelines** for supplying Piped Natural Gas (PNG) and [Compressed Natural Gas \(CNG\)](#).

Key Points

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- **About:**
 - It is designed to facilitate the **supply of clean, safe, and environment-friendly natural gas** to the public while helping to reduce **carbon emissions** across the state.
- **Time Period of the Policy:**
 - The policy **will remain in effect until 31st March, 2029**, or until another policy is introduced to replace it.
 - This five-year validity **gives the government a framework for mid-term review** and course correction, if needed.
- **Single-Window System:**
 - A dedicated **CGD portal** will be developed as part of the implementation mechanism. This digital platform **will act as a single-window system** to manage all applications, track approval status, and provide necessary information to stakeholders.
 - The portal is **expected to improve transparency, accountability, and operational speed**, removing bureaucratic delays and fostering a more business-friendly environment.
- **Significance:**
 - **Infrastructure Investment:** The implementation of this policy will increase investment in CGD infrastructure, fostering growth in the sector.
 - **Expansion of PNG and CNG Networks:** It will support the expansion of PNG and CNG networks, particularly in small towns and urban areas that currently lack access to these facilities.
 - **Simplified Regulatory Processes:** The policy introduces simplified, time-bound procedures for CGD companies to streamline the process of obtaining permissions, land allocation, and government approvals required to set up and operate gas infrastructure.
 - **Environmental and Economic Impact:** The policy aligns with national objectives of expanding the use of natural gas across residential, industrial, and transportation sectors.
 - By increasing access to natural gas in previously underserved regions, it **aims to promote environmental sustainability**, improve public health, and attract economic investment in energy infrastructure.

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