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PNG connections incentive scheme

SEMICON India. RBI keynote.

1.74 crore

**DOMESTIC PNG
CONNECTIONS**

17-19 Sep

SEMICON INDIA 2026

Jakarta

RBI KEYNOTE

Original concept illustration | Facts from cited sources

Energy

PNG scheme.

Semiconductors

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Editor's briefing and contents

A cooking gas scheme, a semiconductor event announcement and a central bank speech lead this edition.

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Reading guide

3 verified stories, each linked to its source. Earlier developments are explicitly carried forward. Not every possible update is covered. The separate 7-question test uses this same dataset. Original practice, not an actual previous-year paper.



Banking and RBI

RBI Deputy Governor S.C. Murmu on collaborative cash ecosystems at Bank Indonesia forum

13 August 2026 (published 18 August) | Reserve Bank of India

The RBI published a keynote by Deputy Governor Shirish Chandra Murmu, delivered on 13 August 2026 in Jakarta at the Focus Group Discussion on Global Cash Management, 2026, organised by Bank Indonesia.

He said that despite revolutionary adoption of digital payments in India, cash in circulation has not declined, especially in rural and semi-urban areas, among low-income groups, older populations and small businesses.

Key facts

Speaker: Deputy Governor Shirish Chandra Murmu

Forum: Focus Group Discussion on Global Cash Management, 2026

Host: Bank Indonesia, Jakarta

Delivered: 13 August 2026

Exam takeaway: Currency management is a core function of central banks.

One-minute recall: RBI DG Murmu keynote on cash ecosystems (RBI, 18 August 2026).

Reserve Bank of India

Government Schemes

Cabinet-approved Incentive Scheme for Promotion of Domestic PNG Connections, effective 1 September 2026

18 August 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB said the Government approved an Incentive Scheme for Promotion of Domestic PNG Connections, effective 1 September 2026, to fast-track the expansion of active piped natural gas connections in households.

There are currently 1.74 crore domestic PNG connections. The scheme incentivises City Gas Distribution (CGD) companies to convert unbilled connections into working connections and expand the PNG network to new areas.

Key facts

Scheme: Incentive Scheme for Promotion of Domestic PNG Connections

Effective from: 1 September 2026

Current domestic PNG connections: 1.74 crore

Incentivises: City Gas Distribution companies

Exam takeaway: PNG means Piped Natural Gas.

One-minute recall: Domestic PNG incentive scheme (PIB, 18 August 2026).

Press Information Bureau

SEMICON India 2026 to be held at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi on 17 to 19 September

18 August 2026 (announcement) | Press Information Bureau

PIB announced that the fifth edition of SEMICON India will be held at Yashobhoomi (India International Convention and Expo Centre), New Delhi, from 17 to 19 September 2026, to be inaugurated by the Prime Minister on 17 September. The event has not yet taken place.

PIB said 12 projects have been approved under Semicon 1.0 and that the Union Cabinet has approved the next phase, Semicon 2.0, under the India Semiconductor Mission.

Key facts

Edition: fifth SEMICON India

Dates (scheduled): 17 to 19 September 2026

Venue: Yashobhoomi, New Delhi

Projects approved under Semicon 1.0: 12

Exam takeaway: This is a scheduled event, not a completed one.

One-minute recall: SEMICON India 2026 scheduled for 17 to 19 September (PIB, 18 August 2026).

Press Information Bureau

Rapid revision and vocabulary

RBI DG Murmu keynote on cash ecosystems (RBI, 18 August 2026).

Domestic PNG incentive scheme (PIB, 18 August 2026).

SEMICON India 2026 scheduled for 17 to 19 September (PIB, 18 August 2026).

PNG: Piped Natural Gas.

CGD: City Gas Distribution.

ISM: India Semiconductor Mission.

Yashobhoomi: India International Convention and Expo Centre, New Delhi.

Cash in circulation: Currency held by the public.

Rapid-revision prompts

What is PNG?

What is SEMICON India?

Why does cash remain in use?

Sources and publication information

Every figure comes from the linked source page for that story. Where an official page was not read, the story names the publication that reported it. Items we could not verify, or whose outcome was not settled, were left out. This edition has 3 stories because that is what we could verify for the day.

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