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GIB conservation reviewed at Bhuj

Domestic PNG scheme

30+

**GIB MINIMUM
POPULATION**

1.74 cr

PNG CONNECTIONS

200 SCM

**GAS PER
CONNECTION**

Original concept illustration | Figures from cited sources

Environment

GIB, grasslands.

Energy

PNG scheme.

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Editor's briefing and contents

Two official releases anchor this edition; the day was a Sunday with few notices.

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Reading guide

2 verified stories, each linked to its source. Earlier developments are explicitly carried forward. Not every possible update is covered. The separate 4-question test uses this same dataset. Original practice, not an actual previous-year paper.



Government Schemes

Bhupender Yadav reviews Great Indian Bustard, grassland and Project Cheetah programmes at Bhuj

13 September 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB said Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav chaired a review of flagship programmes at Bhuj, Kachchh, Gujarat on 13 September 2026, covering the Great Indian Bustard (GIB), grassland restoration and Project Cheetah. He said conservation must move from individual species to restoration of whole landscapes.

On the GIB, a roadmap prepared with the Wildlife Institute of India and the Gujarat Forest Department aims at a minimum viable population of over 30 birds and 200 to 500 sq. km of safe, contiguous habitat, with the immediate focus on the roughly 200 sq. km Lala-Rawa landscape. In Naliya, about 11 sq. km of grassland infested with *Prosopis juliflora* has been restored and a GIB Soft Release Centre has been developed.

Key facts

Species: Critically Endangered Great Indian Bustard

Focus landscape: Lala-Rawa, about 200 sq. km

Target: minimum viable population of over 30 birds

Naliya grassland restored: about 11 sq. km

Exam takeaway: The Wildlife Institute of India is based in Dehradun.

One-minute recall: GIB and landscape review at Bhuj (PIB, 13 September 2026).

Press Information Bureau

PIB explainer: Incentive Scheme for Domestic PNG Connections, 1.74 crore connections, 309 Geographical Areas

13 September 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB's explainer said PNGRB has authorised City Gas Distribution entities in 309 Geographical Areas, spanning the entire mainland, and that there were 1.74 crore domestic PNG connections as of 18 August 2026. The Incentive Scheme for Promotion of Domestic PNG Connections was launched on 18 August 2026 and came into effect from 1 September 2026.

The scheme rewards CGD entities for converting unbilled connections into active billed ones: for each incremental billed domestic connection beyond a minimum threshold for the Geographical Area, an entity earns an additional allocation of 200 SCM of domestic APM gas, replacing costlier LNG used in the CNG (Transport) segment. The payback period on a domestic connection is expected to fall from about ten years to nearly three years.

Key facts

Geographical Areas authorised: 309

Domestic PNG connections (18 Aug 2026): 1.74 crore

Effective from: 1 September 2026

Incentive per extra connection: 200 SCM of APM gas

Exam takeaway: PNGRB is the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board.

One-minute recall: Domestic PNG incentive scheme explained (PIB, 13 September 2026).

Press Information Bureau

Rapid revision and vocabulary

GIB and landscape review at Bhuj (PIB, 13 September 2026).

Domestic PNG incentive scheme explained (PIB, 13 September 2026).

GIB: Great Indian Bustard.

PNGRB: Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board.

CGD: City Gas Distribution.

APM gas: Administered Price Mechanism gas.

SCM: Standard Cubic Metre.

Rapid-revision prompts

What is the GIB?

What is APM gas?

What is a CGD entity?

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 2 stories because that is what we could verify for the day.

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