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Daily news summary**Expansion Inland LPG Pipeline Infrastructure PNGRB**

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WHY IN NEWS

- Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) cleared nearly 1,800 km of new LPG pipelines across six states.

WHAT WAS APPROVED?

- Construction of approximately 1,800 km of domestic LPG pipeline network valued at nearly ₹7,000 crore.
- Spans six states to enhance bulk movement of imported and domestically refined Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG).

OPERATIONAL AND STRATEGIC RATIONALE

- Shifts bulk LPG distribution from road tanker transport to dedicated pipeline logistics.
- **Before:** High reliance on heavy road transport leading to congestion, high freight costs, and supply bottlenecks. **After:** Continuous inland pipeline supply improving logistics reliability.

KEY TERMS

- **PNGRB:** Statutory body established under the PNGRB Act, 2006, regulating downstream petroleum, natural gas, and LPG midstream infrastructure.

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PRELIMS FACTS

PNGRB regulates downstream petroleum and natural gas pipelines and market logistics in India.

MAINS DISCUSSION

- Discuss how shifting hazardous material transit from road to pipeline logistics improves energy security and safety.

KEY DATA

- **Regulator:** Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board - Statutory body authorizing cross-country gas and LPG pipelines.

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