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Polity & Governance

PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana

- Beneficiary 8.46 lakh households.
- Aims To increase rooftop solar installations in India.
- It is the *world's largest domestic rooftop solar initiative*.
- **Recent Developments** Government aims for 10 lakh installations by March and 20 lakh by October. 45% of households estimated to receive zero electricity bills.

Web portal of National Youth Parliament Scheme (NYPS) 2.0

- Initiated by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
- **Aim** Strengthen roots of democracy and Enable students and other citizens to learn about Parliaments.
- Objectives Inculcate discipline and tolerance for different views.
 - To know Functioning of the Government.
 - Understanding Constitutional values.
 - Learning to Live in a democratic way.
- **Institution Participation** Educational institutions can organize Youth Parliament sittings.
- Individual Participation By taking a quiz on 'Bhartiya Democracy in Action.'
 Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY)
- **Launched in** 2015.
- Nodal Ministry Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
- Umbrella scheme Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA).
- **Aim** At providing *short duration skill-based training programs* to rural youth above 18 years and farmers on agri-based vocational areas for creating a pool of skilled manpower.
- **Purpose** To impart short term skill training for <u>7 days</u> duration.

Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) Scheme

- Launched in 2005.
- **ATMA** It promotes decentralized farmer-friendly extension system in the country.
- Objective To *support state government's* efforts to revitalize the extension system,
 - Making available the latest agricultural technologies,
- Good agricultural practices in different thematic areas of agriculture and allied areas to *farmers, farm women and youth*, through various interventions.
- Implemented in 28 States & 5 UTs in the country.
- It is also known as Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)

- Established in 1974.
- **Nodal Ministry** Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
- Under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
- **KVK** It serve as <u>single window agricultural knowledge</u>, resource and capacity development centres in different states of the country.
- **Purpose** To imparting training to the farmers, farm women and rural youths on different aspects of agriculture and allied sectors.
- It is also known as *Farm Science Centre*.

National Skill Development Mission

- Launched in 2015, on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day 15th July.
- **Nodal Ministry** Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
- **Umbrella scheme** Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA).
- **Concept** It operationalizing *skill training courses of minimum 200 hours* duration for rural youth and farmers in the areas of agriculture and allied sectors.

International Relations and Issues

3rd India-Japan Steel Dialogue

- **Aim** To foster innovation, sustainable growth, and resilience in the steel industry and enhance bilateral collaboration in steel production and safety.
- Based on Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) signed on December 2020.
- Key Highlights
 - Strategic initiatives to promote ease of doing business.
 - Sustained growth in steel demand from infrastructure investment.
 - Release of the Green Steel Report and Taxonomy of Green Steel.
 - Emphasis on R & D opportunities for Japanese investors.

Agriculture

Extra-long Staple (ELS) Cotton

- It is a classification of cotton based on the length of its fibres.
- It mostly comes from the species Gossypium barbadense, commonly known as <u>Egyptian or</u> Pima cotton.
- Fibre lengths 30 mm and above.
- **Origin** South America.
- **Growing countries** China, Egypt, Australia, *India* and Peru.
- **India** It is grown along rain fed parts of Atpadi taluka, Maharashtra and Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

Environment

Kolleru Wildlife Sanctuary

- Kolleru Wildlife Sanctuary is a bird sanctuary in Andhra Pradesh, protects part of the Kolleru Lake wetland.
- Established in 1999 under the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972.
- Kolleru Lake Located between the Godavari and Krishna deltas in Andhra Pradesh.
- **Kolleru Lake wetland** Recognized as Ramsar site in 2002.

Miscellaneous

15th International Meeting of World Pharmacopoeias (IMWP)

- Hosted by Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC).
- Coordinated with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and World Health Organization.
- Aim To focus on pharmaceutical standards and harmonization.
- Introduced the IP Online platform for Indian Pharmacopoeia standards.
- Enhancing collaboration among global pharmacopoeias.

