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Polity & Governance

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- **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 *7 days* 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 *single window agricultural knowledge*, 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 *Egyptian or 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.



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