



Uttarakhand Offers GST Registration Exemption

Why in News?

The Uttarakhand government has announced a significant relief for solar entrepreneurs by exempting them from the mandatory [Goods and Services Tax \(GST\) registration](#) under the [Mukhyamantri Saur Swarojgar Yojana](#).

- This initiative aims to streamline processes and encourage investments in [renewable energy](#) projects across the state.

Key Points

- The Director General of Industries and Managing Director of SIDCUL (State Industrial Development Corporation of Uttarakhand Limited), disclosed this decision during the **Pravasi Sammelan (Diaspora Conference)**.
 - It was highlighted that the exemption comes in response to long-standing demands from **solar project investors** who faced delays due to **GST registration requirements**.
- Under the **Mukhyamantri Saur Swarojgar Yojana**, thousands of solar plants have already been installed, and many more are in progress.
- Previously, entrepreneurs had to register for GST to claim subsidies, despite solar energy being exempt from GST.
 - The **new policy eliminates this step**, making the process more efficient and reducing bureaucratic hurdles for solar project developers.
- **Uttarakhand Government's Renewable Energy Vision:**
 - This decision reflects the Uttarakhand government's commitment to promoting **renewable energy** and [sustainable development](#).
 - By simplifying the investment process, the government aims to attract more entrepreneurs to the solar energy sector, contributing to both **economic growth** and [environmental conservation](#).

Mukhyamantri Solar Swarozgar Yojana

- In 2020, **Uttarakhand launched the Mukhya Mantri Saur Swarojgar Yojana** to promote self-employment through solar energy farming.
- The aim of the scheme is to promote the production of **green energy** and to provide self-employment opportunities to the youth of the Uttarakhand and returning migrants.
- Each beneficiary of this scheme will be allocated solar plants of **25 kilowatts**.