

## **Uttarakhand Offers GST Registration Exemption**

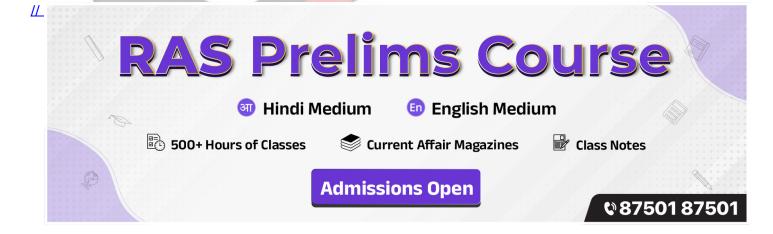
## Why in News?

The Uttarakhand government has announced a significant relief for solar entrepreneurs by exempting them from the mandatory <u>Goods and Services Tax (GST)</u> registration under the <u>Mukhyamantri</u> <u>Saur Swarojgar Yojana</u>.

 This initiative aims to streamline processes and encourage investments in <u>renewable energy</u> 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 <u>sustainable development</u>.
  - By simplifying the investment process, the government aims to attract more entrepreneurs to the solar energy sector, contributing to both economic growth and <u>environmental</u> <u>conservation</u>.



Mukhyamantri Solar Swarozgar Yojana

- In 2020, Uttarakhand launched the Mukhya Mantri Saur Swarojgar Yojana to promote selfemployment 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.

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The Vision