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| <p>Academy of Maharashtra Research, upliftment and Training (AMRUT)</p> | <p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Maharashtra State Skill University is truly empowering aspiring entrepreneurs through its AMRIT initiative. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Under this scheme, 50 selected entrepreneurs will receive financial assistance of ₹3 lakh each.This support aims to help them during the initial phase of setting up their businesses.The university plans to annually select 50 new entrepreneurs from across the state to benefit from this program <p>About AMRUT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Name: Maharashtra Research, Upliftment and Training (AMRUT) AcademyPurpose: Development of students, youth, and candidates through various activities and programs.Target Groups:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Open category youthEconomically weaker sections of youthOther candidatesThis academy focuses on uplifting and training the specified groups to enhance their skills and opportunities. |
| <p>Pradhan Mantri Suryaghar Muft Bijali Yojna</p> | <p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The rooftop solar generation in Maharashtra has exceeded 100 MW under the Pradhanmantri Suryaghar Muft Bijali Yojna, as reported by MSEDCL. <p>About Pradhan Mantri Suryagarh Muft Bijali Yojna:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Objective: To provide free electricity to households by |



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| | <p>harnessing solar energy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ministry Involved: Ministry of New and Renewable Energy ● Target Beneficiaries: Rural and urban households without access to electricity or those with irregular supply. ● Key Features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Solar Panel Installation: Subsidized or free installation of solar panels on rooftops. ○ Battery Storage Systems: Provision of battery systems to store solar energy for use during non-sunny hours. ○ Grid Integration: Surplus energy can be fed back into the grid, allowing households to earn credits or money. ○ Capacity: Solar panels with a capacity ranging from 1 kW to 5 kW, depending on household needs. ○ Maintenance Support: Free or subsidized maintenance services for a specified period. ○ Awareness Programs: Initiatives to educate households about the benefits of solar energy and proper usage. |
| <p>Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS)</p> | <p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recruitment begins to fill 14,690 vacancies of Anganwadi helpers in Maharashtra. ● As per NEP 2020, Anganwadi centers are recommended to provide pre-school education. ● To support this, the Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) is developing a training module for Anganwadi workers and helpers. <p>About ICDS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Launch Date: October 2, 1975 ● Ministry: Ministry of Women and Child Development ● Objective: To improve the nutritional and health status of children aged 0-6 years, reduce mortality, morbidity, malnutrition, and school dropout rates. ● Target Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children (0-6 years) ○ Pregnant women ○ Lactating mothers |
| <p>State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO)</p> | <p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Over 8,000 people in Maharashtra are waiting for life-saving organ donations, but the availability is limited. |



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- **State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO)** data shows that there is **only one deceased donor for every 103 patients awaiting an organ transplant** as of June this year.

About SOTTO:

- **Purpose:** Coordinates organ and tissue donation and transplantation at the state level.
- **Establishment:** Part of the **National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) network** under the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**
- **Functions:**
 - **Facilitates organ and tissue donation awareness** and educational activities.
 - **Maintains a registry of organ and tissue donors** and recipients.
 - **Ensures equitable allocation and distribution of organs and tissues.**
 - **Monitors and evaluates the organ and tissue transplant programs** within the state.



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