

## Saur Krishi Aajeevika Yojana

## Why In News?

• On September 30, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the 'Saur Krishi Aajeevika Yojana to help farmers set up solar power plants on their unused or barren land.

## **Key Points**

- The 'Saur Krishi Aajeevika Yojana' will facilitate farmers to earn a livelihood by giving their unused land to set up solar power plants at remunerative lease rate and raise their standard of living.
- An online portal has been developed under the scheme, where farmers/land owners can register their land for leasing out for setting up solar power plants.
- The land developers can view the land details put up by the said farmers on the portal and set up solar power plants as per rules.
- With the Saur Krishi Aajeevika Yojana, developers will also be able to easily get central grant (30 percent of the cost) under the PM Kusum Yojana for setting up plants.
- The state government will enter into a tripartite agreement between the land owner/farmer, the developer and the concerned discom or company, to ensure that the land owner/farmer is protected from risk.
- With this decision, the state government's goal of making Rajasthan a green energy state will also be achieved by increasing solar energy production and reducing the dependence on traditional sources of energy will reduce the level of environmental pollution and bring relief to the common man.

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