India as President of International Solar Alliance

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Why in News?

India was re-elected as the President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for a third consecutive term.

- **President–** India (represented by Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi)
- **Co-President–** France
- **Announcement Occasion–** The 9th session of the ISA during the **Bharat Renewable Energy Summit 2026** in New Delhi (announced on November 3, 2026)
- **Alliance Reach–** Comprises 130 signatory and member countries

International Solar Alliance

- The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is a treaty-based intergovernmental organization launched by India and France in November 2015 at the COP21 climate summit in Paris.
- **Headquarters–** Gurugram, Haryana, India (hosted at the National Institute of Solar Energy).
- **Leadership–** Co-led by India (President) and France (Co-President); India was elected to its third consecutive term as President in November 2026.
- **Membership –** Comprises over 120 member and signatory countries, initially focusing on "sunshine countries" lying between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn before expanding to all UN member states.
- **Core Goals (Towards 1000)**
  - Mobilize **$1 trillion** in solar investments by 2030.
  - Install **1,000 GW** of solar energy capacity.
  - Provide clean energy access to **1 billion people**.
  - Cut **1 billion tons** of carbon dioxide emissions annually.
- **Major Initiatives & Programs**
- **One Sun, One World, One Grid (OSOWOG) –** Aims to connect global clean energy grids for cross-border power transmission.
- **Catalytic Finance Hub–** Features the Global Solar Facility to drive clean energy investments in underserved regions.
- **STAR-C & ISA Academy–** Focuses on regional capacity building, technical training, and AI-enabled energy learning.
- **Sunrise Recycling Network–** Promotes circular solar economies and photovoltaic

waste management.



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