Island Development Agency (IDA)

Why in News?

Recently, the Union Home Minister chaired the 7th meeting of the Island Development Agency (IDA) in New Delhi.

- **IDA** – It is the nodal agency created for ***holistic development of Islands.***
- **Established in** – *2017*, by Ministry of Home Affairs.
- **Vision** – To *develop India's maritime economy* while preserving the natural eco-system of remote islands.
- **Activities –** *Concept Development Plans and Detailed Master Plans* are prepared for identified islands with principles of
    - Sustainability, People's participation, Eco-System preservation and Determination of carrying capacity.

7th Meeting of IDA

- It *reviewed the progress* of ongoing development initiatives in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep.
- It underscored the importance of *advancing solar and wind energy initiatives* in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep.
- It emphasized the need for a holistic approach to infrastructure projects in both island groups.
- It called on all concerned central ministries to collaborate on initiatives related to tourism, trade, and other key sectors.
- **Solar energy initiatives** – Under the 'PM Surya Ghar' scheme, 100% solar energy panels should be *installed in all the houses in Andaman-Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep*.
- It aims to achieve 100% renewable energy through solar panels and wind mills in both islands.

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