

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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