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101st Member Of International Solar Alliance

Nepal has become the 101st country to join the International Solar Alliance-ISA as a full member.



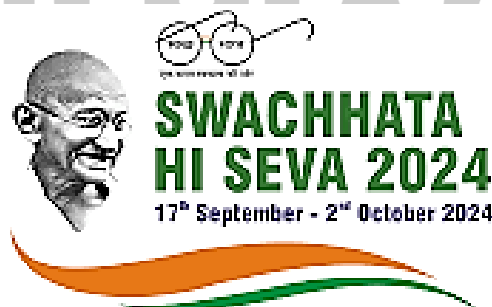
Key Points

- ❖ Nepal handed over its Instrument of Ratification to the ISA in New Delhi
- ❖ The Instrument of Ratification was exchanged during a meeting between Nepal's Charge d' affairs Dr. Surendra Thapa and Joint Secretary (ED&MER) in the External Affairs Ministry, Abhishek Singh.
- ❖ The ISA was established in 2015 as a joint effort by India and France to mobilize efforts against climate change through the deployment of solar energy solutions.
- ❖ It was conceptualized on the sidelines of the 21st Conference of Parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Paris in 2015.

- ❖ ISA's 'Towards 1000' strategy targets mobilizing USD 1 trillion investments in solar energy by 2030, providing clean energy access to 1 billion people, and installing 1 terawatt (TW)/1000 Giga Watt (GW) of solar energy capacity.

Swachhata Hi Seva-2024'

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Swachha Bharat Mission, this year's Cleanliness Campaign will start in the state on 17th September, the birthday of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, and conclude on October 2, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.



Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskaar Swachhata

Key Point

- ❖ This year the theme of the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign will be 'Swabhav Swachhata - Sanskar Swachhata'.
- ❖ The campaign will focus on greater participation of the public and local bodies. During the campaign, various activities will be conducted at all levels in the state, motivating people to imbibe cleanliness in their behaviour.

- ❖ This year, the “Swachhata Hi Seva” campaign will focus on three major points.
- ❖ These include public participation, awareness and advocacy, Shramdaan for cleanliness as the second pillar of the campaign, and rejuvenation of the cleanliness targeted unit.

About Swachh Bharat Mission

- ❖ The Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on October 2, 2014, represents a paradigm shift towards achieving universal sanitation coverage in India.
- ❖ With the ambitious goal of making India "open-defecation free" (ODF) by the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in 2019, this initiative has since revolutionised the country's approach to hygiene and sanitation.

Union Cabinet Approves ₹70,125 Crore For PMGSY-IV Road Scheme

Union Cabinet has given its approval to the proposal of Department of Rural Development for the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana -IV (PMGSY-IV) during Financial Year 2024-25 to 2028-29.



Key Points

- ❖ The total outlay of the scheme will be 70 thousand 125 crore rupees.
- ❖ Under this scheme, financial assistance will be given for the construction of 62 thousand 500 Kilometres road for providing new connectivity to eligible 25 thousand unconnected habitations.
- ❖ Under this scheme 62,500 Km of all-weather roads will be provided to unconnected habitations. Construction of required bridges along the alignment of the all-weather road will also be provided.
- ❖ 25,000 unconnected habitations will be provided all weather road connectivity.
- ❖ PMGSY -IV road alignment planning will be undertaken through the PM Gati Shakti portal. The planning tool on PM Gati Shakti portal will also assist in DPR preparation.

About Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

- ❖ With the objective of providing rural connectivity, the Government of India launched the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (referred to as PMGSY-I hereinafter) on 25th December 2000.
- ❖ To provide all-weather access to eligible unconnected habitations with a population of up to 500 (Census 2001) in plain area and 250 and above in Special category States (States of North East, Jammu, and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand).

MP tops in India for having urban PHCs with Ayush doctors

Madhya Pradesh has topped among States for having AYUSH facilities at all 328 primary health centers in urban areas. In tribal pockets, there are AYUSH doctors available at 228 primary and community health centers, placing the State third at national level.



Key point

- ❖ Odisha ranks first with 296 AYUSH doctors and Chhattisgarh is second with 279.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh has been among the first six states in India to have significantly increased the number of sub-health centers in rural areas since 2005.
- ❖ It also ranks seventh among the ten States with the highest number of primary health centers according to the report "Health Dynamics of India –Infrastructure and Human Resources" released recently by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.
- ❖ The state is also among the top six for the number of community health centers, with a total of 332 out of 5,491 nationwide.
- ❖ In terms of primary health centers in rural areas, Chhindwara leads with 68 PHCs, followed by Khargone (58) and Rewa (46). In urban areas, Bhopal has the highest number with 54, followed by Indore (40) and Jabalpur (36).

TARANG SHAKTI 2024

As part of Exercise Tarang Shakti, India's largest multinational air exercise aimed at enhancing interoperability and operational coordination among Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs), the Indian Air Force (IAF) organized a multinational symposium on 'Air Domain Awareness' on 11th September, at Jodhpur.



Key Point

- ❖ The theme of the symposium was "Collaborative Approach to Facilitate Air Domain Awareness Towards Enhancing Regional Security."
- ❖ The event saw participation from over 50 delegates, representing 27 nations involved in Exercise Tarang Shakti.
- ❖ The symposium fostered an open exchange of ideas among subject matter experts on emerging challenges related to air situational awareness and airspace management.

- ❖ Exercise Tarang Shakti-24 is one of the largest multinational air exercise being conducted by the Indian Air Force in Jodhpur.
- ❖ On the sidelines of this exercise, IAF will also host the India Defence Aviation Exposition IDAX-24 which inaugurated by Hon'ble Raksha Mantri.

Additional Solicitor Generals

Recently, the government has appointed six senior advocates as Additional Solicitor Generals (ASGs) to represent it in the Supreme Court.



Key Points

- ❖ The Addl. SGI is a law officer who assists the SGI and the Attorney General of India.
- ❖ The SGI and Addl. SGIs advise the government and represent the Union of India in legal matters.
- ❖ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), headed by the Prime Minister, recommends and officially appoints the SGI and Addl. SGIs.

- ❖ The proposal for appointment is usually made by the Joint Secretary or Law Secretary in the Department of Legal Affairs.
- ❖ The SGI and Addl. SGIs are statutory posts, unlike the Attorney General of India's Constitutional posts.

About Attorney General of India

- ❖ The appointment of India's Attorney General is governed by Article 76(1) of the Constitution.
- ❖ Eligibility requires qualifications for a Supreme Court Judge.
- ❖ The President appoints the Attorney General at their discretion (Article 76(4)).
- ❖ The Attorney General serves at the President's pleasure and receives remuneration determined by the President.

Mission Mausam

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved 'Mission Mausam' with an outlay of Rs.2,000 crore over two years.



Key Point

- ❖ Mission Mausam, to be chiefly implemented by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, is envisaged to be a multi-faceted and transformative initiative to tremendously boost India's weather and climate-related science, research, and services.
- ❖ It will help to better equip stakeholders, including citizens and last-mile users, in tackling extreme weather events and the impacts of climate change. The ambitious program will help broaden capacity and resilience across communities, sectors, and ecosystems in the long run.
- ❖ As part of the Mission Mausam, India will exponentially expound research and development, and capacity in atmospheric sciences, especially weather surveillance, modeling, forecasting, and management.
- ❖ Three institutes of the Ministry of Earth Sciences: the India Meteorological Department, the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, and the National Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasting will primarily implement Mission Mausam.

Short News

- ❖ Aruna Vasudev, a renowned Indian film scholar, critic, festival curator and painter, has passed away at the age of 88 in New Delhi(Delhi).
- ❖ Maharashtra To Establish Tribal University In Nashik With 80% Reservation For Tribal Students
- ❖ Nibe Space Private Limited (NSPL), a subsidiary of Nibe Limited, has announced plans to set-up India's 1st multi-sensor, all-weather, high-revisit Earth Observation Satellite Constellation (EOSC)
- ❖ Australia is set to introduce legislation to establish a minimum age for social media use to address concerns about mental and physical health impacts on children. This move will likely make Australia one of the first countries to impose such a restriction.
- ❖ Researchers recently found a Myristica swamp forest in Kumbhalgarh, Maharashtra, protected by the local community.
- ❖ The Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) has announced the appointment of RS Sharma as its Non-Executive Chairperson.
- ❖ The SBI Foundation launched the third edition of its Asha Scholarship Program.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the health coverage to all the senior citizens aged 70 years and above irrespective of income under the flagship scheme Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY).

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Which country recently became the 101st full member of the International Solar Alliance?

- (a) Bhutan
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Bangladesh

Answer-C

2. Mission Mausam is implemented by which of the following ministries?

- (a) Ministry of Culture
- (b) Ministry of Tourism
- (c) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- (d) Ministry of Earth Science

Answer -D

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