

India and France get re-elected as President and Co-president of ISA

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The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has informed that India has been re-elected as President while France as the Co-President of International Solar Alliance (ISA) at the virtual meeting of ISA's Third Assembly. The tenure will be for a time period of two years.

As per the official release, the President of ISA Assembly, RK Singh, India's Power, and New and Renewable Energy Minister, appreciated the members of the alliance coming together to work on climate change. Mr. Singh also encouraged the 7th initiative on heating and cooling introduced for the discussion in the ISA's Third Assembly.

Key Highlights

- The Third Assembly of International Solar Alliance (ISA) was attended by 34 ISA Member Ministers. 53 member countries and 5 signatory and prospective member countries also participated in the assembly.
- The Third Assembly of ISA approved the initiatives of the ISA Secretariat in institutionalizing the International Solar Alliance's engagement with the public and private corporate sector through the Coalition for Sustainable Climate Action (CSCA).

- 10 public sector organizations in India also presented a cheque of USD 1 million each at the assembly.
- Alok Sharma, the President of the 26th edition of the UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP-26) also recalled the commitment of the UK to fight climate change.
- Solar awards were conferred for the very first time on the countries of the institutions as well as regions working for solar.
- The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is an initiative that has been launched by PM Modi and former President of France Francois Hollande on November 30, 2015, in Paris on the sidelines of the COP-21.
- Its objective is to collectively address the major challenges to scale up solar energy in the member countries of ISA. The alliance also aims to undertake joint efforts required to reduce the cost of technology and finance, pave the way for future technologies adapted to the needs and mobilize investments that are needed for the massive deployment of solar energy.

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