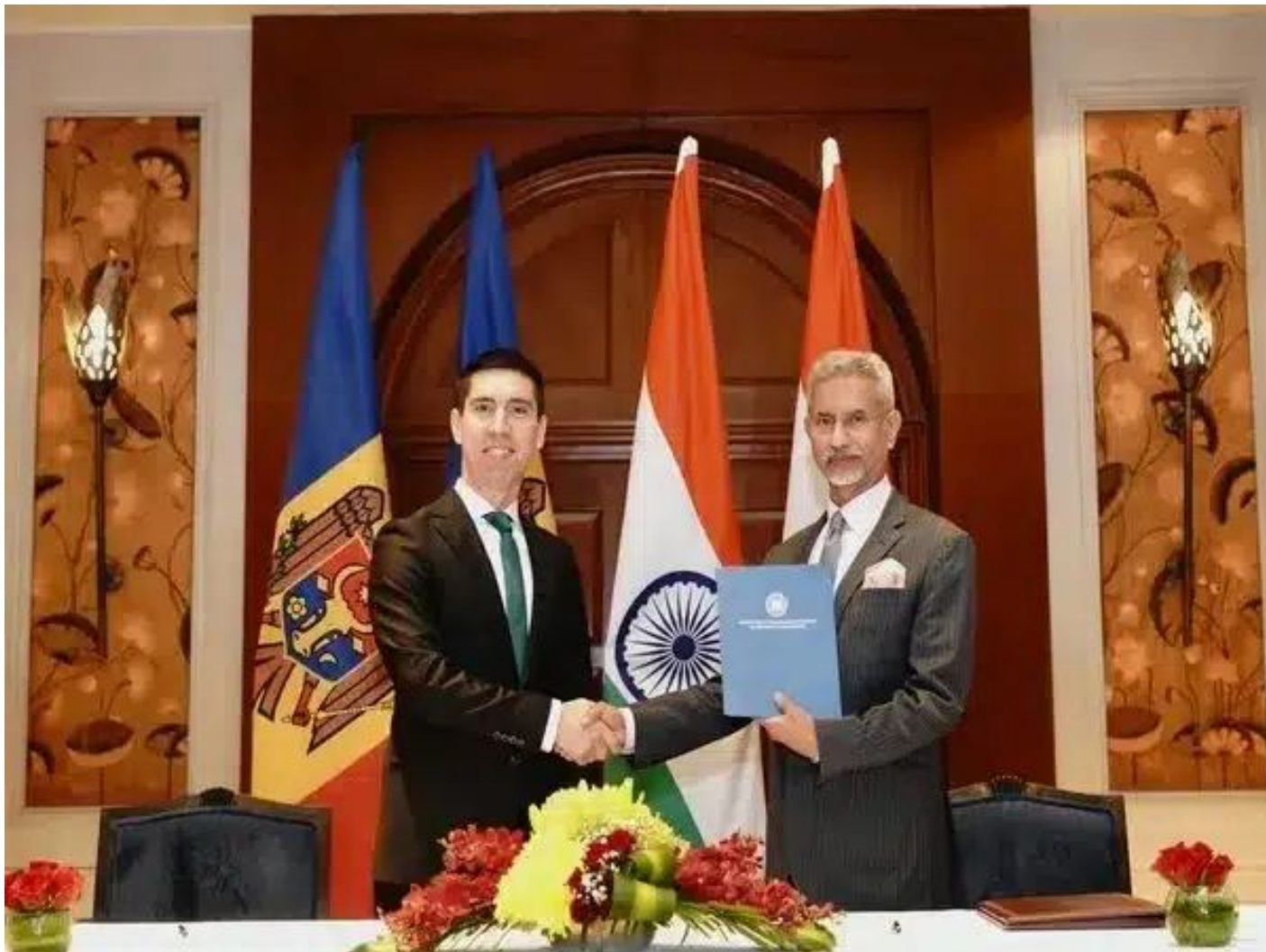


Moldova Signs International Solar Alliance (ISA) Framework Agreement

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About the International Solar Alliance (ISA):

- **Background:** The **International Solar Alliance (ISA) Framework Agreement (FA)** came into force in **2017**. Following its **amendment in 2020**, all **United Nations member states** became eligible to join the ISA.
- The **headquarters** of the ISA is located in **Gurugram, India**.
- The ISA was **conceptualised on the sidelines of COP21 in Paris in 2015** as a collaborative initiative between **India and France**.
- The ISA aims to unite global efforts in combating **climate change** through the implementation of **solar energy solutions**.

- The **mission** of the ISA is guided by the **‘Towards 1000’ strategy**, which focuses on three key goals:
 - **Mobilizing USD 1,000 billion** of investments in solar energy by **2030**.
 - **Providing energy access to 1,000 million people** worldwide.
 - **Achieving the installation of 1,000 GW** of solar energy capacity.
- The **ISA Assembly** is the **apex decision-making body** of the organization. It plays a crucial role in shaping policies and overseeing the implementation of the ISA’s Framework Agreement.
- Currently, the ISA has **104 member countries** and **16 signatory countries**.

Key Initiatives of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)

- **Scaling Solar Applications for Agricultural Use (SSAAU):** This program addresses the increasing demand for **solar-powered water pumps** to support agricultural activities.
- **ISA CARES:** This initiative provides **innovative and reliable solar energy solutions** for healthcare systems in **low- and middle-income countries**.
- **Program on Solarizing Heating and Cooling Systems:** This program aims to meet the **growing heating and cooling demands** in **commercial, industrial, and residential sectors** by facilitating solar-based solutions.
- **Global Solar Facility:** Launched during **COP27**, this facility is designed to **catalyze solar investments** in underserved regions and **geographies across Africa**.

Q1. Is the International Solar Alliance (ISA) part of the United Nations?

No. ISA is not part of the United Nations, but the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has granted Observer Status to the International Solar Alliance (ISA). It will give the organization a greater voice on the international stage and enable it to promote the benefits of solar energy to a wider audience.

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