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News: International Energy Agency (IEA)

- Recently, the **International Energy Agency (IEA)** has released the **Indian oil market outlook to 2030 report**, which looks in-depth at how **India's role on the global oil market** may evolve over the period through to 2030.

International Energy Agency (IEA)

- International Energy Agency is an **autonomous organisation that works to ensure reliable, affordable and clean energy**.
- Headquartered in **Paris**, the agency was established in **1974** in the **wake of Oil crisis of 1973** by Organisation of Economic Development (OECD) Countries.
- The framework was anchored in the IEA treaty called the “**Agreement on an International Energy Program**”.
- IEA publishes **World Energy Outlook Report annually**.
- **30** nations are presently members to IEA, while **India is an associate to IEA**.
- The **membership is confined to OECD countries** (37 in total) and these members are required to maintain a stock levels equivalent to at least 90 days of previous years' net imports.

- The **Governing Board** is the main decision-making body of the IEA, composed of energy ministers or their senior representatives from each member country.
- The IEA **does not dispense grants or make loans.**
- IEA focuses on the “**3Es**” of effectual energy policy: (i) Energy security, (ii) Economic development and (iii) Environmental protection.
- Recently, **NITI Aayog and International Energy Agency (IEA)** jointly released a report on ‘Renewables Integration in India 2021’ (24-07-2021).
- Ocean Energy Systems (OES) works under IEA.
- Recently the International Energy Agency (IEA) has **slammed India's natural gas pricing policy, saying linking domestic production** to very low global reference prices has reduced incentives for producers to raise supplies. **Currently, the price of domestically produced natural gas is fixed by a formula that averages out rates in gas surplus nations such as Russia and the US.**

Framework for Strategic Partnership

- The Framework for Strategic Partnership between the **International Energy Agency (IEA)** members and the Government of India was signed in January, 2021 to strengthen mutual trust and cooperation & enhance global energy security, stability and sustainability.

- This partnership will lead to an extensive exchange of knowledge and would be a stepping stone towards India becoming a full member of the IEA.
- The contents of the Strategic partnership will be jointly decided by the IEA Members and India, including a phased increase in benefits and responsibilities for India as an IEA Strategic partner, and building on existing areas of work within the Association and the Clean Energy Transitions Programme (CETP), such as Energy Security, Clean & Sustainable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Enhancing petroleum storage capacity in India, Expansion of gas-based economy in India etc.
- The IEA Secretariat will be responsible for the implementation of the cooperative activities in India and for facilitating discussion between the IEA Members and India to further develop the Strategic Partnership.
- The Government of India endeavours to take the necessary steps to encourage and promote strategic and technical co-operation in the energy sector in the identified areas noted above, through the Framework Agreement.