

### **3. India-Denmark**

#### **Why in News?**

- Recently, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change expressed that India and Denmark can jointly demonstrate the feasibility of achieving ambitious climate and sustainable energy goals during the 'India-Denmark: Partners for Green and Sustainable Progress Conference' in New Delhi.

#### **Highlights**

- The Green Strategic Partnership is a mutually beneficial arrangement to advance political cooperation, expand economic relations and green growth, create jobs, and strengthen cooperation on addressing global challenges and opportunities; with a focus on an ambitious implementation of the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- Danish companies with niche technologies and expertise have offered to help India in meeting its air pollution control targets, including in the key area of tackling the problem of burning crop stubble.
- Other key points under the partnership include dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic and cooperation in water efficiency and water loss.
- The creation of India-Denmark energy parks in areas with large numbers of Danish firms and an India-Denmark skill institute to train Indian manpower has been proposed.
- The Green Strategic Partnership will build on an existing Joint Commission for Cooperation and existing joint working groups.
- The diplomatic relations between India and Denmark, established in September 1949, are marked by regular high-level exchanges.
- Both countries share historical links, common democratic traditions and a shared desire for regional, as well as international peace and stability.
- Bilateral relations were elevated to the level of "Green Strategic Partnership" during the Virtual Summit held in 2020
- India and Denmark must cooperate in multilateral for a like the World Trade Organization, International Solar Alliance, Arctic Council to advance democracy and human rights and promote a rule-based multilateral system.