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RBI Constitutes 8-member Expert Panel for Strengthening Urban Co-operative Banks

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has constituted an eight-member expert committee on Primary (**Urban**) **Co-operative Banks (UCBs)** to examine issues and suggest a road map for strengthening the sector. The committee will be chaired by the former RBI Deputy Governor **N. S. Vishwanathan**.

Role of the Committee

- Assess the regulatory measures taken by the RBI and other authorities in respect of UCBs and their impact over the last five years to identify key constraints and enablers in fulfilment of their socio-economic objective.
- Review the current regulatory approach and recommend suitable measures to strengthen the sector.
- Suggest effective measures for faster rehabilitation and resolution of UCBs and assess the potential for consolidation in the sector

Other members

- **Harsh Kumar Bhanwala:** Former Chairman of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD),
- **Mukund Chitale:** Chartered Accountant
- **NC Muniyappa and RN Joshi:** retired Indian Administrative Service officers
- **MS Sriram:** IIM Bengaluru Professor
- **Jyotindra Mehta:** President of the National Federation of Urban Cooperative Banks and Credit Societies
- **Neeraj Nigam:** Chief General Manager-in-Charge, Department of Regulation, RBI

Four Women Scientists wins SERB Women Excellence Award 2021

The **Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB)**, a statutory body of the **Department of Science and Technology (DST)** has announced the SERB Women Excellence Award for the year 2021, on the occasion of the **International Day of Women and Girls in Science**.

Four young women fellows of **National Science Academies** have been awarded **SERB Women Excellence Award 2021**.

The winners include:

- **Dr Shobhna Kapoor** - Assistant Professor at Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, working in the area of Chemical Biology with expertise in 'Host-Pathogen Interactions and Membrane Biology, Chemical Biology and Biophysics'
- **Dr Antara Banerjee** - Scientist B National Institute For Research In Reproductive Health, Mumbai, Maharashtra from the Health Sciences area with expertise in Signal Transduction, Biology of Reproduction and Endocrinology,
- **Dr Sonu Gandhi** - Scientist D from National Institute Of Animal Biotechnology, Hyderabad from Bionanotechnology area focusing on Nanosensors, Design and Fabrication of Label-free Biosensors
- **Dr Ritu Gupta** - Assistant Professor at Indian Institute Of Technology Jodhpur, Rajasthan working on Nanotechnology with expertise in Materials Science, Nanodevices and Sensors, Health & Energy

About SERB Women Excellence Award 2021

- It is a one-time award being presented by **SERB** to women scientists since **2013** to support basic research in the frontier areas of science and engineering.



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- The women scientists should be below 40 years of age.
- She must have received recognition from any one or more of the **National Academies such as Young Scientist Medal, Young Associateship, etc.**
- The award provides a grant of **Rs. 15 lakhs** for a period of three years to the awardees to pursue their research ideas.

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launches Pilot Pey Jal Survekshan

The **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** has launched the **Pilot Pey Jal Survekshan** under **Jal Jeevan Mission- Urban**. The Pilot Pey Jal Survekshan has been launched in 10 cities, which are **Agra, Badlapur, Bhubaneswar, Churu, Kochi, Madurai, Patiala, Rohtak, Surat and Tumkur**. The motive of the Jal Jeevan Mission Urban is to provide universal coverage of water supply to all households through functional taps in all 4,378 statutory towns in accordance with Sustainable Development Goal - 6.

Objective:

To ascertain the equitable distribution of water, reuse of wastewater and mapping of water bodies with respect to quantity and quality of water through a challenging process.

Outlay:

The Government has proposed a total outlay of **Rs 2.87 lakh crore** for JJM (U) in fiscal 2021-22, which includes **Rs. 10,000 crore** for continuing financial support to **AMRUT Mission**.

Bhim Army's Chandra Shekhar Azad named in TIME's list

Bhim Army Chief **Chandra Shekhar Aazad** and five Indian-origin personalities have been featured in the **2021 TIME100 Next**. TIME100 Next 2021 is the **second edition** of the annual list of **Time magazine's 100 'emerging leaders who are shaping the future.'**

About Bhim Army:

Bhim Army is a **Dalit rights organisation** based in **Uttar Pradesh** to help Dalits escape poverty through education. It was founded by **Satish Kumar, Vijay Ratan Singh and Chandrashekhar Azad in 2015**.

The **five Indian-origin persons in Time100 Next list are:**

- Twitter lawyer: **Vijaya Gadde**
- UK's Finance Minister: **Rishi Sunak**
- Instacart founder and CEO: **Apoorva Mehta**
- Get Us PPE executive director and doctor: **Shikha Gupta**
- Founder of nonprofit Upsolve's: **Rohan Pavuluri**

India-Australia circular Economy Hackathon (I-ACE)

The Prime Minister, **Shri Narendra Modi** addressed the valedictory function of the **India Australia Circular Economy Hackathon (I-ACE)** via videoconferencing. A circular economy implies reusing waste back into the production cycle to make new products instead of wasting such materials with embedded resources.

The I-ACE was jointly organized by Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, Government of India and Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Australia. More than 200 participants in 39 teams from India and 33 teams from Australia took part.

Four key themes for the hackathon

- Innovation in packaging reducing packaging waste
- Innovation in food supply chains avoiding waste
- Creating opportunities for plastic waste reduction
- Recycling critical energy metals and e-waste

Objective:

- To enable the students and startups/MSMEs of both nations in fostering innovative solutions for the development of a circular economy across the food system value chain with the aim of increasing the long-term health and resilience of our planet, through innovative technology solutions.
- I-ACE aims to accelerate the development of young and promising students and startups/MSMEs working towards the creation of a sustainable future.

National Affairs

- Union road transport and highways minister, **Nitin Gadkari** has launched India's first-ever diesel tractor, converted to a much cleaner (**compressed natural gas**) **CNG variant**. With this, farmers will be able to save more than **₹1 trillion annually** on fuel cost, which will help them to improve their livelihood.
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** recently launched an online portal '**e-Chhawani**' and mobile app, to facilitate '**ease of living**' and '**ease of doing**' for the residents of the Cantonment Boards across the country. The '**e-Chhawani**' portal will provide online municipal services to more than 20 lakh citizens across all 62 Cantonment Boards of India while sitting at home.
- The **National Informatics Centre (NIC)**, under the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**, has launched an instant messaging platform called "**Sandes**". Similar to WhatsApp, the new **government instant messaging systems (GIMS) platform** can be used for all kinds of communications by anyone using a mobile number or email id.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has virtually launched '**Mahabahu-Brahmaputra**' initiative in **Assam**. He laid the foundation stone for the **Dhubri Phulbari bridge**. PM also perform the bhumi puja for the construction of **Majuli Bridge in Assam**. PM has announced the details stated that the landmark day in the development journey for Assam as Mahabahu-Brahmaputra initiative is going to be launched.

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- The **Union Cabinet** approved a **Rs 12,195-crore Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme** for domestic manufacturing of telecom and networking products such as switches, routers, radio access network, wireless equipment and other IoT access devices. Through this decision, the government aims to offset the imports of telecom equipment worth more than **Rs 50,000 crore** and reinforce it with "**Made in India**" products both for domestic markets and exports.

States in the News

- The three-day famous "**Mandu Festival**" began at the historic town of **Mandu in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh** on February 13, 2021. The festival will culminate on February 15, 2021. The festival is organised by the state government of Madhya Pradesh to showcase each and every aspect of the **ancient Mandu city, ranging from food, music, history & heritage, art & craft etc.**
- **Maharashtra government** has signed an MoU with **Flipkart** to promote wooden toys, local artefacts, handicrafts. **Maharashtra Small Industries Development Corporation and Maharashtra State Khadi & Village Industries Board** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Flipkart.
- The **Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy** has been conferred the **Skoch Chief Minister of the Year Award**. The Award has been presented to the CM by Chairman, Skoch Group, **Sameer Kochhar** personally at Tadepalli in Andhra Pradesh. The award selection was based on a study of project-level outcomes in various States.
- **West Bengal government** launched "**Maa**" canteens for providing subsidised cooked meals for the poor and the destitute at a nominal cost of **₹5**. The govt will give a subsidy of **₹15** and people have to pay **₹5**. The kitchen will run by **Self-Help Groups (SHG)**. The government allocated **₹ 100 crores** for this project.
- A team of scientists, doctors and photographers in **Kerala** have launched a mobile application named "**Snakepedia**", that will present all relevant information on snakes, to help the public as well as doctors in treating snake bites.

- The state government of **Odisha**, under Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik**, has launched the development work for the **SAMALEI Project (Samaleswari Temple Area Management and Local Economy Initiatives)**, to offer the divine experience to tourists & devotees. The project involves the development of **108 acres** of land in & around the **16th-century** shrine of **Maa Samaleswari**, the presiding deity of western Odisha.

International Affairs

- The former European Central Bank Chief **Mario Draghi** has been sworn in as the **new Prime Minister of Italy** on 12 February 2021.
- The **United States** has extended the “**New START**” nuclear disarmament treaty with **Russia** for a period of **five years**. The **New START**, which stands for **Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty**, is a nuclear arms reduction treaty between the United States and the Russian Federation.
- The **People’s Republic of China** has overtaken the **United States (US)** as the biggest trading partner of the **European Union (EU) in 2020**, according to the data by the European Union statistics agency, Eurostat. **Britain**, which left the European Union in 2020, was the third-largest trading partner for the bloc, behind China and the United States.
- The first day of the spring called ‘**Pahela Phagun**’ was celebrated in **Dhaka, Bangladesh** despite the continued shadow of **Corona pandemic in the country**. Cultural organisations held programmes at different venues in the city to herald the beginning of the spring. Programmes were held at the Suhrawardy Udyan, Nandan Manch of Shilpakala Academy and several other locations.
- The Prime Minister of Georgia, **Giorgi Gakharia** has announced his resignation. The 45-year-old Gakharia served as the Prime Minister from **8 September 2019 to 18 February 2021**. He was stepping down because of disagreements within his own team over the decision to arrest **Nika Melia**, chairman of the **United National Movement opposition party**.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** has launched the **Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF)** programme in partnership with **nine Indian Institutes’ of Management (IIM) across India**. Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister **Mahendra Nath Pandey** chaired the event on ‘**Transforming skilling through strategic partnerships under SANKALP**’ and rolled out the MGNF and other initiatives.
- India’s homegrown app **MapMyIndia** ties up with **ISRO** to build an alternative to **Google Maps**. The agreement between ISRO and MapmyIndia is suggested to become an alternative to Google maps and similar platforms. The collaboration with MapMyIndia will turn out to be a benefit for users because it will use digital maps of MapmyIndia and satellite imagery and earth observation data of ISRO.
- **HCL Technologies** has inked an agreement with the **Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK)** to collaborate in the area of cybersecurity. As part of the pact, the IT company will work with **C3iHub**, a specialised cybersecurity research centre at IITK. This collaboration will bring together the country’s brightest minds, advanced research capabilities and global resources to develop advanced solutions in the area of cybersecurity.
- The **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** to support the development, conduct and promotion of health research in India. Gates Foundation and CSIR will work together to identify opportunities to initiate scientific and technological collaborations.

Books and Authors

- Former media baron **Peter Mukerjea** has come out with his memoir ‘**Starstruck: Confessions of a TV executive**’. The book is presented as a recollection of his experiences in the satellite television industry in India and the changes it has gone through over the years.

- Award-winning writer, journalist and speaker, **Meghna Pant** has penned a new book “**The Terrible, Horrible, Very Bad Good News**”. The book will be released in April 2021, and soon be seen as a major motion picture under the title **Badnam Ladoo**.
- Prizewinning writer **Irwin Allan Sealy**’s new novel ‘**ASOCA: A Sutra**’, an imagined memoir of Ashoka The Great. The novel will be presented as an imagined memoir of Ashoka The Great, the emperor who ruled most of the Indian Subcontinent and played a pivotal role in the spread of Buddhism from India to other parts of Asia in the 3rd century BC.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- Private general insurer **ICICI Lombard** has launched the ‘**Corporate India Risk Index**’. This is intended to be a unified, standardised corporate risk index that spans industries and companies. This will help companies understand the level of risk that their business is facing and also assist in developing a successful risk aversion plan. It has worked with consulting firm Frost and Sullivan to develop the risk measurement tool.
- The e-commerce company **Flipkart** has partnered with **ICICI Lombard** to offer its customers the ‘**Group SafeGuard**’ insurance, a group health insurance policy. The ‘Group SafeGuard’ comes with daily cash benefits starting from **Rs 500**, and ‘**Hospicash**’ benefit for Flipkart consumers.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has permitted resident individuals to make remittances under the **Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)** to **International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs)** in the country. The decision of the RBI is aimed at deepening the financial markets in the IFSCs and providing an opportunity for resident individuals to diversify their portfolios. The RBI has reviewed the extant guidelines on LRS and decided to permit resident individuals to make remittances under LRS to IFSCs set up in India under the **Special Economic Zone Act, 2005**.

- The global forecasting firm **Oxford Economics** has revised India’s economic growth projection for the Calendar year 2021 to **10.2 per cent**, compared to a previous estimate of **8.8 per cent**. The reason for the upward revision is the receding COVID-19 risks and the shift in the monetary policy outlook.

Appointments/Resignations

- **Tata Motors** Limited has appointed **Marc Llistosella** as its new **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** and **Managing Director (MD)**. The appointment of Llistosella will be effective from July 1, 2021.
- Justice **Puligoru Venkata Sanjay Kumar** has been sworn-in as the **Chief Justice of Manipur High Court** at Raj Bhavan, Imphal. He was appointed as Chief Justice of the High Court of Manipur by the President of India. Prior to this, he served as a Judge in the **Punjab and Haryana High Court**.
- The **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** has announced **Dr Ajay Mathur** as its new **Director-General** following his election at the first special assembly of ISA members. Dr Mathur replaces **Mr Upendra Tripathy**, who has served as Director-General since the ISA was founded in 2015.
- The **UN Capital Development Fund** has appointed Indian-origin investment and development banker **Preeti Sinha** as its Executive Secretary, the highest leadership rank in the institution. She succeeds **Judith Karl**. He will work with a focus on providing micro-finance assistance to women, youth, small and medium-sized enterprises in under-served communities.

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- **Ajai Malhotra** became the first Indian to be elected as the **Chairperson** of the **United Nations Advisory Committee** of the **Human Rights Council**. He has been on the Indian team negotiating issues such as biological diversity, climate change, desertification, education, energy, forestry, health, human rights, human settlements, intellectual property, international law, labour, ozone depletion, sustainable development and trade.

Defence News

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has handed over the indigenous main battle tank **Arjun Mk-1A** to the Army in a function at the **Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium** in Chennai. Chief of the Army Staff General **Manoj Mukund Naravane** received the model of the tank, designed and developed by Chennai-based **Combat Vehicles Research & Development Establishment (CVRDE)**, a unit of the **Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)**.
- **India** joined **Iran and Russia** in the naval exercise dubbed as **"Iran-Russia Maritime Security Belt 2021"**, which kicked-off in the northern part of the Indian Ocean. The Chinese navy will also join the exercise. The purpose of the drill is to enhance the security of international maritime trade, confront maritime piracy and terrorism, and exchange information.
- **Indian Naval Ship Pralaya** reached **Abu Dhabi in UAE** to participate in the **Naval Defence Exhibition (NAVDEX 21)** and **International Defence Exhibition (IDEX 21)** from February 20 to 25, 2021. NAVDEX 21 and IDEX 21 is one of the leading international naval and defence exhibitions of the region.
- **Defence Research and Development Organisation** has successfully carried out joint user trials of indigenously developed **Helina** and **Dhruvastra Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM)** from the **Advanced Light Helicopter** at the **Pokhran deserts in Rajasthan**.

Awards and Recognitions

- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** presented the trophies of **best marching contingents** of the **Republic Day Parade 2021** in New Delhi on February 15, 2021. **Jat Regimental Centre** bagged the trophy of best marching contingent among the Tri-Services while **Delhi Police** was adjudged as the best marching contingent among the **Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF)** and other auxiliary services.
- **S. Theodore Baskaran** who is a writer, a historian, a naturalist and an activist has won the **Sanctuary Lifetime Service Award, 2020**. The award was instituted by the **Sanctuary Nature Foundation**. He won the award for his writing prowess in English and Tamil contributing towards the conservation discourse. He was also chosen for the award in the backdrop of inspiring the young naturalists.
- Telangana's capital, **Hyderabad** has been recognized as a **2020 Tree City of World**, by the **United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** and the **Arbor Day Foundation**, for its commitment to growing and maintaining urban forests.

Summit and Conference

- The **11th IEA-IEF-OPEC Symposium on Energy Outlooks** was held virtually on February 17, 2021, under the patronage of the Minister of Energy of Saudi Arabia HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud. From India, the Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel, **Dharmendra Pradhan**, participated in the symposium.

Science and Technology News

- **Indian astronomers** have reported one of the strongest flares from a feeding supermassive black hole or blazar called **BL Lacertae**, analysis of which can help trace the mass of the black hole and the source of this emission, the Department of Science and Technology said.
- An **IIT Madras**-Incubated start-up **Pi Beam Electric** has recently launched a sustainable electric two-wheeler, dubbed as **PiMo**. The utility e-bike has been developed for personal and commercial use. It does not require a licence or registration.

- **Hyundai Motor Company** has launched a Transformer-like robocar dubbed as **TIGER X-1**, that can travel over the most challenging terrains on the Earth as well as on other planets. **TIGER** stands for **Transforming Intelligent Ground Excursion Robot**, and the X-1 denotes its experimental status.
- The **NASA Perseverance rover** safely landed on Mars after its **292.5 million-mile** journey from Earth. The rover has been on a nearly 300 million-mile journey since it left Earth more than 6 months ago. Indian-American named **Dr Swati Mohan**, who first confirmed that the rover had survived a particularly tricky plunge into the **Martian atmosphere**.
- India's top-ranked table tennis player **Manika Batra** beat **Reeth Rishya**, 4-2, in the women's singles final, to win the **82nd Senior National Table Tennis Championship**, at the Tau Devi Lal Sports Complex in **Panchkula, Haryana**. It was Manika's second Nationals title. She won her maiden national title in **2015 in Hyderabad**.
- **Sri Lanka** fast bowler **Dharmika Prasad** has announced his retirement from international cricket. He represented Sri Lanka in 25 Tests and 24 ODIs, bagging 75 and 32 wickets respectively. He also played alone T20 International against Australia in 2011.

Sports News

- Former India wicketkeeper-batsman **Naman Ojha** has announced his retirement, from all formats of **cricket**. He made his first-class debut for **Madhya Pradesh in 2000-01**.
- Star sprinter **Hima Das** has been appointed as a **Deputy Superintendent of Police** by the **Assam government**. The 21-year-old from Assam, known as '**Dhing Express**' referring to the town near her native village, is currently training at the **NIS-Patiala** and will be aiming to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics as the athletics calendar starts in a few days.
- The IPL Franchise, **Kings XI Punjab** has formally been renamed as Punjab Kings ahead of the **Indian Premier League auction**. The new brand name and logo of the team was officially released by the management.
- Former captain of **South Africa**, **Faf du Plessis** has announced his retirement from Test cricket. The 36-year-old made his Test debut in November **2012** and played a total of 69 games in the longest format.
- Former Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) superstar and South African all-rounder **Chris Morris** shattered all records at the **Indian Premier League (IPL) 2021 auction** in Chennai. Rajasthan Royals went all-out for the South African all-rounder Morris, buying him for a whopping **INR 16.25 crore**.

Important Days

- **World Day of Social Justice** is celebrated annually all over the world on **20 February**. The **International Labour Organization** unanimously adopted the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization on **10 June 2008**. This year theme of World Day of Social Justice is "**A Call for Social Justice in the Digital Economy**".
- **World Pangolin Day** is celebrated on the "**Third Saturday of February**" every year. In 2021, the annual World Pangolin Day is being celebrated on **20 February 2020**. It marks the **10th** edition of the event. The day aims to raise awareness about these unique mammals and speed up conservation efforts. Pangolin numbers are rapidly declining in **Asia and Africa**.

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- Every year India observes the **Soil Health Card Day** on **19 February** to commemorate the launch of the **Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme**, and create awareness about the benefits of the scheme. 2021 marks the **sixth year** of the launch of the SHC Scheme.

Obituaries

- Noted jurist and a former Governor of Bihar and Jharkhand, Justice (Retd.) **M. Rama Jois** has passed away. The former Rajya Sabha MP, had also served as the **Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court**. He was also a senior advocate in the **Supreme Court of India**.
- War veteran Major General (retired) **Basant Kumar Mahapatra**, who had participated in major battles including the 1962 Indo-China war, and 1965 and 1971 India-Pakistan war, has passed away.
- Veteran Congress leader and former Union Minister Captain **Satish Sharma** passed away. He served as the **Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas** from **1993 to 1996** in the Narasimha Rao government.

Miscellaneous News

- In **Puducherry**, a campaign has been launched titled **"Zero Covid by Feb28"** to ensure that there are no COVID-19 cases by the end of February 2021, in the union territory. The overall caseload in Puducherry was **39,448 while 38,533 had recovered so far, leaving 258 active cases**.
- The Governor of West Bengal, Shri **Jagdeep Dhankhar** inaugurated the **11th Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav** at Cooch Behar Palace at West Bengal. The Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav is a flagship programme of the Ministry of Culture, organised under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Programme, since 2015, to celebrate the idea of unity in diversity. The event was inaugurated in the presence of Minister of State (I/C) for Culture and Tourism, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel.
- **IIT Bombay** has launched its first-ever annual fundraising campaign in India, **Cherish IIT Bombay 2021**. As per information shared by the IIT, the funds will be used for the creation of world-class laboratory complexes, modernization of lecture halls and continuation of awards to attract and retain faculty.

- The ancient **Kanchoth festival**, a symbol of ancient **Nag culture**, was observed with religious fervour and gaiety across the **Chenab valley region of Jammu and Kashmir**. The festival is celebrated by locals, mainly Nag followers who believe that on this day of Gouri Tritiya, Lord **Shiva and Goddess Parvati** got married and the latter insisted on a throne made of snow as her wedding gift.
- **Kiran Bedi**, the Lieutenant-Governor of **Puducherry**, has been removed from the top position. **Tamilisai Soundararajan**, the Governor of Telangana, has been given additional charge as the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry till a permanent replacement will be announced.
- The Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment **Thaawarchand Gehlot** released the **"3rd edition of the Indian Sign Language (ISL) Dictionary**, in a virtual event. The 3rd edition of the ISL dictionary contains a total of **10,000 terms**. These include the 6000 terms of the first and second edition of the dictionary.

Static Takeaways

- National Informatics Centre Founded: 1976.
- National Informatics Centre Director-General: Neeta Verma.
- National Informatics Centre Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Assam CM: Sarbananda Sonowal.
- Assam Governor: Jagdish Mukhi.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Shivraj Singh Chouhan; Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- Maharashtra Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari.
- Maharashtra Capital: Mumbai.
- Maharashtra CM: Uddhav Thackeray.
- Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh: YS Jagan Mohan Reddy; Governor: Biswa Bhusan Harichandan.
- Chief Minister of West Bengal: Mamata Banerjee; Governor: Jagdeep Dhankhar.
- Kerala CM: Pinarayi Vijayan.
- Kerala Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan.
- Chief Minister of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik.
- Odisha Capital: Bhubaneswar.
- Odisha Governor: Ganeshi Lal.
- President of Italy: Sergio Mattarella.

- Capital of Italy: Rome; Currency of Italy: Euro.
- President of United States: Joe Biden; Capital: Washington, D.C.
- Russia President: Vladimir Putin.
- Russia Capital: Moscow.
- Prime Minister of Bangladesh: Sheikh Hasina; Capital: Dhaka; Currency: Taka.
- President of Bangladesh: Abdul Hamid.
- Georgia Capital: Tbilisi; Currency: Georgian lari.
- ISRO Chairman: K.Sivan.
- ISRO Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ISRO established: 15 August 1969.
- HCL Technologies CEO: C Vijayakumar.
- HCL Technologies Founded: 11 August 1976.
- HCL Technologies Headquarters: Noida.
- ICICI Lombard CEO: Bhargav Dasgupta.
- ICICI Lombard Headquarters: Mumbai.
- ICICI Lombard Founded: 2001.
- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikant Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- Flipkart headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Flipkart CEO: Kalyan Krishnamurthy.
- India's first IFSC: Gujarat International Finance Tec-City.
- Tata Motors Founder: J. R. D. Tata.
- Tata Motors Founded: 1945, Mumbai.
- Chief Minister of Manipur: N. Biren Singh; Governor: Najma Heptulla.
- International Solar Alliance Headquarters: Gurugram.
- International Solar Alliance Founded: 30 November 2015.
- International Solar Alliance Founded: Paris, France.
- Human Rights Council Founded: 15 March 2006.
- Human Rights Council President: Nazhat Shameem.
- Human Rights Council Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.
- Chief Minister of Puducherry: V. Narayanasamy.
- Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir: Manoj Sinha.
- Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri.
- Minister of Science and Technology: Dr Harsh Vardhan.

- Hyundai Motor Company Founder: Chung Ju-Yung.
- Hyundai Motor Company Founded: 29 December 1967, Seoul, South Korea.
- Headquarters of International Labour Organization: Geneva, Switzerland.
- Director-General of International Labour Organization: Guy Ryder.
- International Labour Organization Founded: 1919.
- CSIR Head: Shekhar C. Mande.
- CSIR Founded: 26 September 1942.
- CSIR HQ: New Delhi.
- Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh.
- Indian Navy Founded: 26 January 1950.
- Prime Minister of Australia: Scott Morrison.
- The currency of Australia: Australian dollar.
- Capital of Australia: Canberra.
- Defence Research and Development & Chairman DRDO: Dr G Satheesh Reddy.
- DRDO Headquarters: New Delhi.
- DRDO Established: 1958.
- Food and Agriculture Organization Head: Qu Dongyu.
- Food and Agriculture Organization Headquarters: Rome, Italy.
- Food and Agriculture Organization Established: 16 October 1945.
- Acting Administrator of NASA: Steve Jurczyk.
- Headquarters of NASA: Washington D.C., United States.
- NASA Founded: 1 October 1958.

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