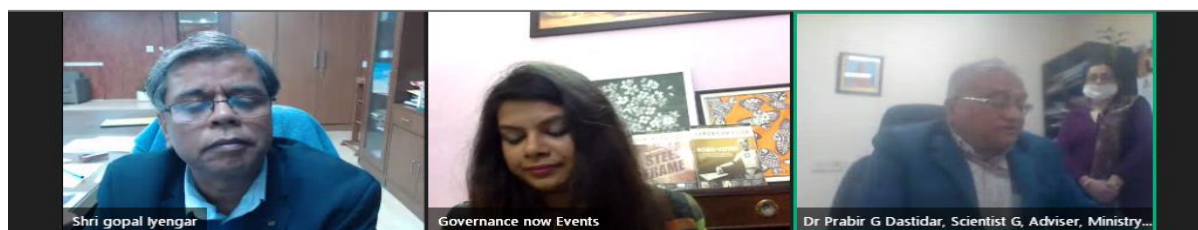


## MoES wins the Governance Now Data Centre Award for 2020

(New Delhi, Vigyan Samachar/India Science Wire): The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)—Knowledge Resources Centre Network (KRCNet) was awarded the Governance Now Data Centre Award for 2020 in a virtual summit webcasted live on November 25, 2020.

The KRCNet portal (<https://krcnet.moes.gov.in/>) was launched by the Hon'ble Minister for Earth Sciences, Dr Harsh Vardhan on the MoES Foundation Day on July 27 this year. It is an integrated digital platform, which makes available all the knowledge and intellectual resources of MoES and its institutes 24X7 from everywhere around the globe. The portal provides access to library resources, repository services, subscribed e-resources such as journals and citation managing databases. In addition, the portal also displays information of MoES news and events, recent publications, and media presence of MoES and its institutes. Important websites and links for data and services related to earth systems science are also listed. The KRCNet is designed, implemented, managed and monitored by the KRCNet team of MoES.

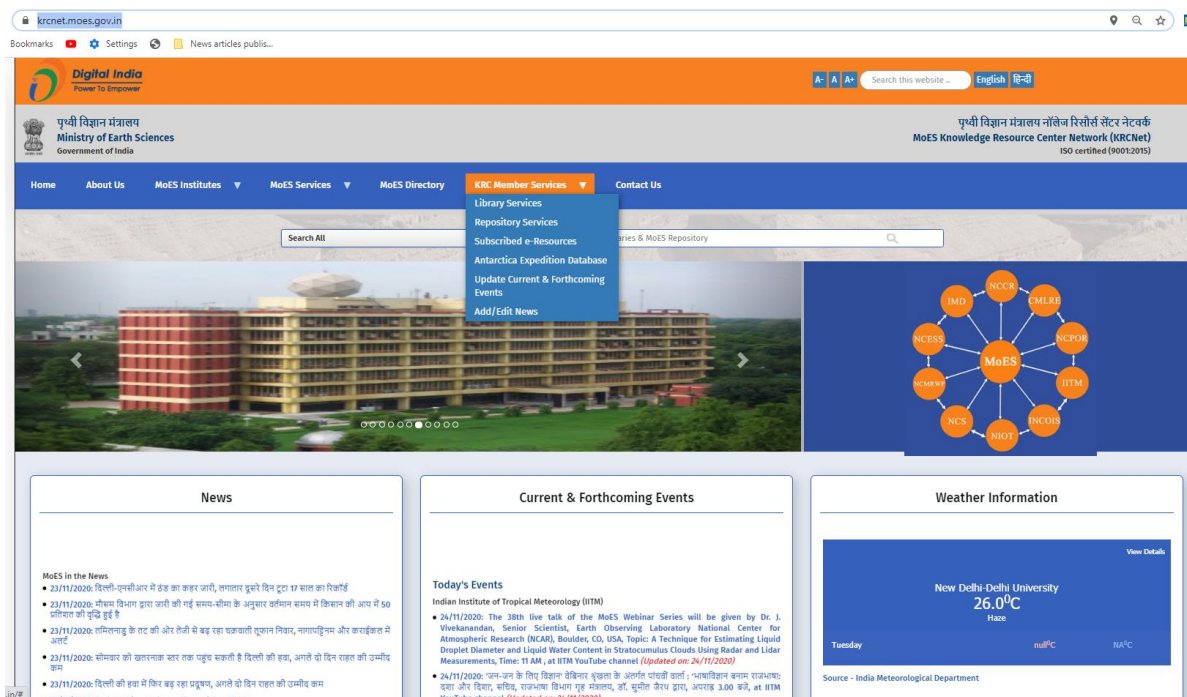
On behalf of the MoES, the award was collected by Dr Prabir G Dastidar, Scientist G & Adviser and KRCNet in-charge; Shri Gopal Iyengar, Scientist G & Adviser; Dr Bhavya Khanna, Scientist D; and Ms Divya Batra, Assistant Library and Information Officer. The KRCNet team comprises of a group of nearly forty officials from of MoES, and its ten institutes spread in various parts of the country.



*A snapshot of virtual Governance Now Data Centre Award ceremony where MoES received the award for 2020.*

Speaking at the event, Dr Dastidar said, “KRCNet can bring a phenomenal change in our information culture. It would set a working example of how information is collected, collated, catalogued, stored,

maintained, retrieved and accessed. We look forward to contributing our bit to make the country a knowledge leader, under the Digital India initiative of the Government of India”.



A snapshot of the MoES-KRCNet portal which received the Governance Now Data Centre Award for 2020.

The Governance Now Data Centre award recognises innovations and best practices in government data centres across the country. The jury comprised of members from organisations such as the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, SBI, Mahindra, Reliance General Insurance, National Securities Depository Limited, etc. More than forty nominations from all levels (i.e. Centre, State, and District) were received and evaluated through a score-based process. The award ceremony and summit were a day-long event organised by Governance Now, a popular publication on public policy and governance in India.

The link to the award ceremony is <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6201321858126969612>.

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