Climate Risk Information System

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About Climate Risk Information System:

- It will **bridge the gap in climate-related data** that is currently available in a fragmented manner.
- Presently the available climate related data is characterised by various gaps such as fragmented and varied sources, differing formats, frequencies and units.
- It will comprise of **two parts**

o The first part will be a **web-based directory**, listing various data sources, (meteorological, geospatial, etc.) which will be publicly accessible in the RBI website.

o The **second part** will be a data portal comprising datasets (processed data in standardised formats).

- The RBI plans a **phased launch** of RB-CRIS starting with the web-based directory, followed by a gradual introduction of the data portal for regulated entities to ensure smooth adaptation.
- It is crucial for regulated entities **to undertake climate risk assessments** for ensuring stability of their balance sheets and that of the financial system.
- On February 28, 2024, RBI had issued draft guidelines for a 'Disclosure Framework on Climate-Related Financial Risks,' requiring regulated entities (REs) to disclose information across four key areas: governance, strategy, risk management, and metrics and targets.

- The framework aims to inform stakeholders—such as regulators, investors, and customers—about the climate-related risks faced by REs and their strategies for addressing these issues.

Q1: What is Climate change?

It refers to long-term shifts in temperatures and weather patterns. Such shifts can be natural, due to changes in the sun’s activity or large volcanic eruptions.

Source: RBI announces creation of Climate Risk Information System

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