

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

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Why in news?

Shri Sanjay Garg, IAS assumes the charge of Director General, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

- **BIS** - It is the **National Standard Body** of India, responsible for developing standards and a conformity assessment scheme for goods and services.
- **Statutory organization** - Established under the ***Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016***.
- **Under the** - Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.
- **Headquarters** - New Delhi & 5 Regional Offices - Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai, Chandigarh and Delhi.
- **Objectives** -
 - Harmonious development of the activities of standardization, marking and quality certification of goods.
 - To provide thrust to standardization and quality control for growth and development of industry on one hand and to meet the needs of consumers on the other.

Key functions of BIS

- **Standardization** - Develops and publishes Indian Standards for various products and services.
- **Product Certification** - Through a third-party organization or certification body assesses and verifies that a product meets specific standards, specifications, or regulatory requirements.
- **Conformity Assessment** - Implements certification schemes and runs conformity assessment laboratories to ensure products meet quality standards.
- **Hallmarking** - Oversees the hallmarking of precious metals to guarantee their quality.

- **Consumer Empowerment** - Works to protect consumers by ensuring the availability of safe, reliable, and quality goods.
- **International Representation** - Represents India in international organizations like the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).
- **Capacity Building** - Conducts programs on quality assurance and standardization.
- **Other initiatives** -
 - **National Institute of Training for Standardization (NITS)** - A training institute of BIS which is set up in 1995, at Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
 - **Laboratories** - BIS has a chain of 8 laboratories which support the activities of product certification.

*BIS celebrates the **World Standards Day** on 14th October.*

References

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