New Articles

INSIGHTS DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS + PIB: 21 JUNE 2019

June 21, 2019  Posted by: InsightsIAS

Category: CURRENT AFFAIRS

84 Comments

Relevant articles from PIB:
1. Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies

**National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB)**

(https://www.insightsonindia.com/2019/06/21/national-accreditation-board-for-certification-bodies-nabcb/)

What to study?

For prelims and mains: about NABCB, roles, objectives and significance of accreditation.

**Context:** The *National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB)*, India’s national accreditation body, has secured *international equivalence for its accreditation programme* for personnel certification bodies.

**Background:**

NABCB signed the *Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA)* of the *Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC)* for its accreditation programme based on international standard, ISO/IEC 17024.

**ISO/IEC 17024:** Conformity assessment – General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons specifies criteria for the operation of a Personnel Certification Bodies (also known as a certification body for persons). The standard includes requirements...
for the development and maintenance of the certification schemes for persons upon which the
certification is based.

**Significance:**

- With the above recognition, NABCB hopes to facilitate export of Indian services and skills
  into the world market by attesting that persons are certified following international
  standards by the certifying bodies.
- Personnel Certification would support many professionals in India, especially those who do
  not have formal education or certificate programme.
- Any person carrying ISO/IEC 17024 certificate with NABCB logo will be recognized
  internationally.
- It can also be used by regulators for establishing confidence in certified personnel for
  different activities.
- This signifies that the accreditation of personnel certification bodies by NABCB is now
  accepted as equivalent at international level.

**About NABCB:**

NABCB, a *constituent Board of the Quality Council of India*, an autonomous body attached to
the *Ministry of Commerce and Industry*, is responsible for accreditation of
certification/inspection bodies as per applicable international standards under an international
system of equivalence.

**Significance of accreditation:**

Accreditation reduces risk for business and its customers by assuring that accredited
Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) are competent to carry out the work they undertake
within their scope of accreditation.

**The Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC):**
It was established on 1 January 2019 by the amalgamation of two former regional accreditation cooperations – the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC) and the Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (PAC).

APAC’s primary role is to manage and expand a mutual recognition arrangement (MRA) among accreditation bodies in the Asia Pacific region.

The MRA facilitates the acceptance of conformity assessment results (e.g. test reports, test certificates, inspection reports, and certification) across the region and with other regions around the world.

APAC’s members include accreditation bodies, accreditation focal points and other organisations that have an interest in accredited conformity assessment results.

Relevant articles from various news sources:

Paper 3:

Topics Covered:

1. IPR related issues.

Namma Kolhapuri chappal gets GI boost
(https://www.insightsonindia.com/2019/06/21/namma-kolhapuri-chappal-gets-gi-boost/)

What to study?

For Prelims: GI tags and about Kolhapuri chappal.