

# QCI CELEBRATES THE WORLD ACCREDITATION DAY 2020

*Focus: GS-III Indian Economy*

## ***Why in news?***

National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) and National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), the two accreditation boards of the Quality Council of India (QCI) celebrated the World Accreditation day 2020.

## ***World Accreditation Day 2020***

- The World Accreditation Day (WAD) is celebrated on 9th June every year to highlight as well as promote the role of accreditation in trade & economy.
- The theme for WAD 2020 is "Accreditation: Improving Food Safety", as decided by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC).
- Accreditation has an important role in food safety, by ensuring competent and impartial inspection, certification and testing services in all parts of local, national and international food chains.
- In doing so, accreditation supports the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular, the Good Health and Well-being Goal (SDG 3).

## ***International Accreditation Forum***

The International Accreditation Forum, Inc. (IAF) is the world association of Conformity Assessment Accreditation bodies and other bodies interested in conformity assessment in the fields of management systems, products, services, personnel and other similar programs of conformity assessment.

## ***Quality Council of India (QCI)***

- Established in 1997 Quality Council of India (QCI) is an autonomous organization under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- It aims to establish and operate national accreditation structure and promote quality through National Quality Campaign.
- It is the Quality Apex and National Accreditation Body for accreditation and quality promotion in the country.
- Chairman of QCI is appointed by the Prime Minister on recommendation of the industry to the government.