

# World Accreditation Day was observed on 9th June



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World Accreditation Day (WAD) was observed on 9th June. The day is celebrated every year to highlight and promote the role of accreditation in trade and economy.



## Theme:

The theme for the 2020 World Accreditation Day is “Accreditation: Improving Food Safety”. The theme was set by IAF and ILAC. The theme aims to highlight the role of credible, competent accreditation for improving food safety.

## History:

World Accreditation Day was jointly initiated by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) with an aim to raise awareness of the importance of accreditation-related activities. WAAD was first celebrated in the year 2008.

## Events:

- In order to celebrate the day Quality Council of India (QCI) organised a Webinar to commemorate the event, in which all concerned stakeholders participated. The webinar emphasized that accreditation is an important tool to help improve quality of product and services in food sector and other areas.
- WAD Webinar hosted two technical sessions.
- The first session focussed on Regulator's perspective on food safety. It was Chaired by Dr. D. K. Aswal, Director NPL and Chairman NABL.
- The second technical session focussed on Industry's Perspective on food safety. It was chaired by Mr. Shyam Bang, Chairman NABCB.
- Government, Regulators and Industry officials discussed the key areas related to the food sector.