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### **NATIONAL NEWS**

### **Indian Accreditation System Ranked 5th Globally by GQII**

It is heartening to note that the accreditation system of India is recognized as the 5th in the world as per GQII rankings. This achievement is a testament to our mission to achieve Gunavatta se Atmanirbharata

NABCB has been working relentlessly to improve the quality infrastructure in the country. NABCB launched new Accreditation Schemes such as Asset Management Systems (AMS), Facility Management Systems (FMS), Anti-Bribery Management systems (ABMS) in line with the recent global trends in the demand for the certifications to these schemes. NABCB is working to come up with more relevant schemes across the various sectors. NABCB has granted accreditation to more than 100 inspection bodies thereby ensuring that products, processes and services are as inspected per International Standard and are globally acceptable.

As the National Accreditation Body of India, NABCB Congratulate all our stakeholders and those who have supported us to make this possible!

Economy Name	Economy Code	GQII Rank	GQII Scores	Rank Metrology	Rank Standardization	Rank Accreditation
Germany	DEU	1	0,996	2	2	1
China	CHN	2	0,990	3	1	3
United States	USA	3	0,987	1	8	2
United Kingdom	GBR	4	0,982	4	4	6
Japan	JPN	5	0,976	5	3	12
France	FRA	6	0,973	7	6	11
Korea, Republic of	KOR	7	0,962	6	7	17
Italy	ITA	8	0,957	15	5	4
Spain	ESP.	9	0,949	13	10	7
India	IND	10	0,932	21	9	5
Poland	POL	11	0,927	19	15	7
Switzerland	CHE	12	0,924	14	12	21
Brazil	BRA	13	0,924	11	20	18
Australia	AUS	14	0,923	9	18	22
Czech Republic	CZE	15	0,923	18	13	14
Turkey	TUR	16	0,921	16	25	10
Netherlands	NLD	17	0,914	20	11	15
Mexico	MEX	18	0,913	10	42	9
Canada	CAN	19	0,912	8	24	26
South Africa	ZAF	20	0,909	12	27	19



### Synopsis

We are proud that india is rated among the top five accrediting systems in the world. We articipate that India will pave the way for more collaborations aimed at creating resilient systems of high-quality infrastructure," the Quality Council of India DCS said in a tweet.



In an encouraging news, India has been ranked among the top five nations in the global ranking for the best accreditation system, according to the recently released Global Quality Infrastructure Index (GQII) 2021. The GQII ranks 184 economies on the basis of their quality infrastructure (QI). India ranked among top five accreditation systems in the world: Report

# India at 5th position in accreditation systems in the world: Report

According to the government, the rise in India's accreditation ranking can be attributed to the 'steady growth of conformity assessment bodies (CABs)' under the national accreditation system



### India has fifth-best accreditation systems in the world: Global Quality Infrastructure Index

The Quality Council of India (QCI) stated that it is proud to be acknowledged as one of the world's top five accreditation systems.



# NABCB Launches new Accreditation Scheme on Aerospace Quality Management Systems (AQMS)

NABCB has launched a new accreditation scheme for granting accreditation to Certification Bodies certifying Aerospace Quality Management Systems (AQMS) as per AS 9104-1 standard.

This scheme aims to ensure that organizations in the aerospace industry certified to AQMS meet the highest standards of quality and safety. AS 9100 is an international standard that specifies the requirements for a quality management system (QMS) in the aviation, space and defence industry. Certification Bodies accredited under this scheme can grant certifications to organizations for AQMS with international equivalence.

This new accreditation scheme is a significant step towards enabling improved quality and safety of the aerospace industry, and NABCB is proud to be a part of it.



### NABCB Launches New Accreditation Scheme on Aerospace Quality Management Systems (AQMS)







### Indian Industry Bodies Meeting on Quality Infrastructure (QI)

The symbiotic association between Industry and Quality Infrastructure bodies is the key pillar for the nation's economic growth. A robust quality infrastructure ensures that products, processes and services adhere to international quality standards thus paving the path for the country's economic growth. With the vision for economic growth, QCI-NABCB organized a meeting with Indian Industry Bodies to discuss the challenges and key issues of the Indian industries related to Quality Infrastructure (QI) and the way forward to overcome the existing gaps.

The tone for the event was set by Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari, CEO, NABCB and other luminary dignitaries Mr. Jaxay Shah, Chairman, QCI; Mr. Deep Kapuria, Chairman, NABCB; Mr. Rajeev Kher, Former Secretary, Department of Commerce & Dr. R.P. Singh, Secretary General, QCI.

The event had 3 sessions aimed to discuss the issues related to policy and institutional framework, and experiences of the industry at the sectoral level, and their needs and expectations from the government related to QI.

The first session focused on the key issues and challenges related to National Industry Bodies. The current status of the Indian industries and the way forward to build capacity to leverage QI of the country was also discussed during the session. The session ended with valuable inputs and comments by dignitaries from Organizations including CII, ASSOCHAM, Reliance, PHDCCI, and FISME.

The first session was followed by the second session. The discussion focused on the key challenges and issues of sector-specific Industry Bodies and the opportunities for Indian industries in overcoming the trade barriers to access the global market. The session was addressed by speakers from the organizations including APJ-SLG Law offices, EEPC, BDMAI, ELCINA, ICC & AIFPA.

The final session of the event focused on the key challenges and issues of state-specific Industry Bodies. The session also had discussions on the concerns of SMEs and regional Bodies related to the quality infrastructure. The session had speakers from FICCI, GCCI, WASME, BCC, and HCCI.

The event was attended by 40 + industry bodies physically and 200 + participants Joined virtually.









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# NABCB delivered the keynote address at 9th Annual Food Quality & Safety Congress India 2023

Ms. Varsha Misra, Deputy Director, NABCB delivered the keynote address on the first day of the 9th Annual Food Quality & Safety Congress India 2023 hosted by Inventicon. The event aims to discuss best practices in aligning food quality and safety systems with changes and instrumentation standards.

She deliberated on the role of Accreditation in facilitating trade opportunities and compliance in the food industry. She also highlighted the role played by conformity assessment in the Globalization of Trade, meeting regulatory requirements & Assurance of quality/competency

The event witnessed participation from regulatory bodies, food industry, educational institutes and other relevant stakeholders.









### **NABCB Presented at the National Summit on Quality of Biologicals**

Shri. Rajesh Maheshwari, CEO, NABCB addressed the participants at the National Summit on Quality of Biologicals organized by the National Institute of Biologicals (MoH&FW). He underlined the importance of quality and the role of accreditation in assuring the quality of biologicals in India. He also shed light on the role of accreditation in ensuring regulatory compliance & facilitating trade.

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers, Govt. of India was the event's chief guest. The event had presence from organizations including CDSCO, IPC, ADMI, AMTZ, ICMR and other esteemed organizations.



### NABCB Presented at Bharat Petroleum Quality Excellence Meet

Shri. Rajesh Maheshwari, CEO NABCB, in his address at the Quality Excellence Meet hosted by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), highlighted the need for BPCL to establish a centralized policy & oversight unit for overall company-wide quality policies and to have an oversight mechanism across its division – refinery, pipeline, marketing (storage, distribution & retail). He also laid emphasis on the importance of using Third Party Inspection agencies (TPIs) in the oil and gas sector. Further, he highlighted the potential area of accreditation for BPCL thus paving the way for BPCL to become Quality Ratna Co. from Maharatna Co.

Shri. Maheshwari had graced the event as a Chief Guest. The event was attended by Executive Directors of Retail and lubes business along with 120 top management BPCL officials.





# NABCB Presented at 10th edition of the International Indian Material Recycling Conference

Material Recycling Association of India (MRAI) organized the 10th edition of the International Indian Material Recycling Conference from February 2-4, 2023 in Kerala. The biggest-ever meet of global recyclers.

The 3 days event covered the various aspects of recycling including different sessions on plastic recycling, EPR policy, Battery waste management rules 2020, BIS standards, Policy Framework & Technological Advancement in Tyre Recycling, E-Waste Management Rules 2022 & Circular Economy in E-waste Recycling & Circular Economy Park Policy- Investments & Opportunities.

During the First day of the event Shri. Anand Deep Gupta, Joint Director, NABCB presented on the role of Accreditation & Global standards in facilitating E-waste recyclers. He deliberated on the importance of using global standards for recyclers to remain competitive and shed light on the SERI R2 standard developed for the global management and processing of used electronics. The event was attended by delegates all over the world.



# NABCB Shared Jury for 8th Nutraceutical Symposium & Awards organized by ASSOCHAM

Ms. Varsha Misra, Deputy Director, NABCB shared jury with esteemed members including Ms. Gaura Verma, Executive Director, Association of Herbal and Nutraceutical Manufacturers of India (AHNMI); Dr. Ishi Khoshla, a renowned Dietician for 8th Nutraceutical Symposium & Awards organized by ASSOCHAM.

The objective of the awards is to recognize and felicitate those who are striving for excellence and doing remarkable work in the field of nutraceuticals. The awards aim to recognize those who are delivering the best and most innovative products, contributing to research and technology, and transforming India into a hub for nutraceuticals.





### 8th Nutraceuticals Symposium and Awards 😡 🛶 🔀







Ms. Varsha Misra Deputy Director, NABCB

### **Webinar on ISASecure Certification Scheme**

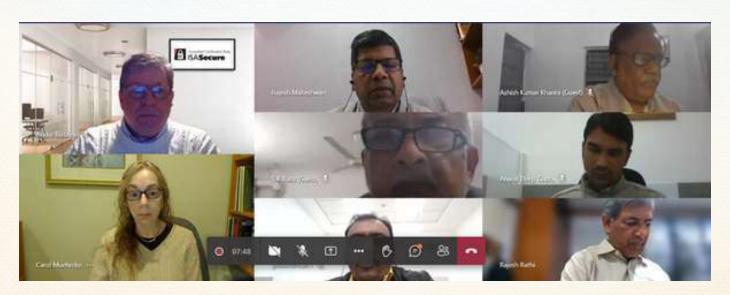
NABCB organized a webinar in collaboration with the International Society of Automation (ISA) on the ISASecure Certification scheme for Operational Technology (OT) Cyber Security based on the ISA/IEC 62443 series of standards. The ISASecure certification scheme is a cybersecurity conformity assessment scheme for certifying products/components for industrial automation, and process for IACS systems and development organizations.

Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari, CEO, NABCB provided the opening remarks and set the context for the webinar. He highlighted the criticality of Cybersecurity in Industrial Automation & Control Systems, and the important role played by ISASecure in the current global scenario.

Mr. Rajesh Rathi, Executive Board Member, ISASecure highlighted the need for cybersecurity certification in preventing cyberattacks and safeguarding the critical infrastructure.

Mr Andre Ristaino, Managing Director, ISASecure provided an overview on the ISASecure certification scheme and the certification process.

The webinar had participation from NABCB officers, NABCB accredited and applicant conformity assessment bodies, NABCB assessors and other relevant stakeholders.





# NABCB Presented at 8th Nutraceutical Symposium and Awards hosted by ASSOCHAM

Ms. Varsha Misra, Deputy Director, NABCB delivered the special address at the 8th Nutraceutical Symposium and Awards. Ms. Misra spoke about the role of quality, standardization, and education in the growth of the nutraceutical industry.

Ms. Misra's address emphasized the importance of quality and standardization in the production and distribution of nutraceutical products. She also highlighted the need for education and awareness about nutraceuticals among consumers and industry stakeholders. Her insightful speech provided valuable insights into the challenges facing the nutraceutical industry and the steps needed to overcome them.

CEO, FSSAI, Sh. G. Kamala Vardhana Rao, IAS, graced the event as chief guest. Other dignitaries included Padma Shri Dr. D S Rana, Chairman, ASSOCHAM; Mr. Umesh Kamble, Co-Chairman, Maharashtra State Development Council. The event had presence from industries representatives including Abbott, Nutrify Today, Hexagon Nutrition Limited & Unilever etc.



### **QCI-NABCB** meeting with Maruti Suzuki India Limited

A fruitful meeting with the top management of Maruti Suzuki led by Mr. Kenichiro Toyofuku, Director (Corporate Planning) was held with senior officials of QCI-NABCB to discuss and explore the possible collaboration in the biofuel and biogas sector b/w both organizations.





# NABCB attended a seminar on Strengthening Value Chain Efficiencies in Fisheries Sector

A Post budget seminar on the topic Strengthening Value Chain Efficiencies and Expanding Markets in the Fisheries Sector was organized by the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying along with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri. Narendra Modi inaugurated the seminar and addressed the attendees. The seminar had different sessions which were chaired by the Hon'ble Minister of fisheries Shri. Parshottam Rupala.

Ms. Varsha Misra, Deputy Director, NABCB attended the seminar. The event was also attended by NABCB Assessors, CABs and other stakeholders including NABARD, ICAR & CIFRI etc.

### Seminar on Strengthening Value Chain Efficiencies and Expanding Markets in Fisheries Sector





# NABCB Presented at Cybersecurity Conclave: Standards and Regulatory Framework in Indian Landscape

Mr. Anand Deep Gupta, Joint Director, NABCB delivered a presentation in the Cybersecurity Conclave: Standards and Regulatory Framework in Indian Landscape, jointly organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and TIC Council. He deliberated upon the issues and challenges of the Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) providing Information Security and the role of NABCB in overcoming cyber challenges.

Further, he discussed the current regulatory framework for cybersecurity in India and the way forward by leveraging national accreditation.



# NABCB attended EU-South Asia Aviation Partnership Project-II Workshop on Sustainable Aviation Fuel

Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Joint Director, NABCB attended 4 days EU-South Asia Aviation Partnership Project-II Workshop on Sustainable Aviation Fuel organized by European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) & DGCA at Dehradun from 14-17 Mar 2023. The partnership project aims to Enhance relations between South Asian and European institutions in the field of civil aviation, increase technical exchanges between the South Asian and European aviation industries, Support South Asia in developing its capacity for safety oversight and to improve the environmental performance of the South Asian aviation sector.





# NABCB presented at Directorate of Quality Assurance (DQA) South Zone QA Supplier meet

Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Joint Director, NABCB presented on Accreditation facilitating Manufacturers/Vendors in South Zone QA supplier meet organized by the Directorate of Quality Assurance (Warship Projects). In his address, Mr. Sharma deliberated on various accreditation schemes through which Indian Navy industry partners/ MSMEs can benefit.

The meeting aims to synergize the specific requirement of defence with the production capabilities of the vendors and to tap the hitherto fore untapped MSMEs who have the capability/capacity to be indispensable partners in Defence Production.



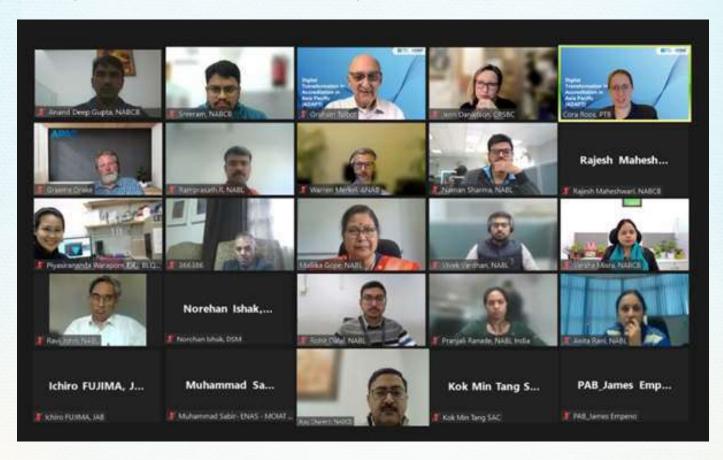


### **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

### NABCB Officials attended the 2nd APAC-PTB ADAPT meeting

NABCB officials attended the 2nd APAC-PTB Digital Transformation in Accreditation in Asia Pacific (ADAPT) sensitization meeting. Ms. Cora Roos from PTB delivered the opening remarks and set the context for organizing the meeting. Mr. Graham Talbot from PTB and Ms. Mallika Gope, NABL (Chair, ADAPT Digitalization WG) were the speakers for the meeting.

The ADAPT Digitization WG under the PSC, APAC is created to ensure the implementation of digitalization through digital transformation in the Accreditation Body activities in APAC. The meeting had Brainstorming and Q&A sessions. The meeting was attended by APAC members and affiliates Accreditation Bodies personnel.



### **Grant of NABCB Accreditation to Iranian Petroleum Institute Certification Body, Iran**

The National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies has granted Accreditation to the Iranian Petroleum Institute Certification Body, Iran as a Product Certification Body (PCB) in accordance with ISO/IEC 17065. Delegates from Iran Embassy, IPICB, Iran visited NABCB and discussed on the possible mutual areas of collaboration in Accreditation, capacity building and other relevant QI activities.

Accreditation to IPICB, Iran marks a significant step in the development of quality and conformity assessment services in Iran and demonstrates the commitment of the local certification body to providing internationally recognized services. We look forward to support in their continued growth and success.





### NABCB meeting with International Rice Research Institute (CGIAR)

Ms. Joanna Kane-Potaka, Deputy Director General, Strategy Engagement & Impact from IRRI (CGIAR), Philippines visited the NABCB office and appreciated the work done by NABCB in the field of Accreditation. She had a discussion with CEO NABCB & Sr. Officials to explore the potential areas of mutual collaboration and the way forward.





# NABCB-PTB meeting for strengthening the quality Infrastructure of the Solar Industry

Dr. Tom Patrick Heins from PTB Germany along with team members visited NABCB to discuss about the second phase of Joint Indo-German Cooperation for strengthening the quality Infrastructure of the Solar Industry. The discussion focused on the Joint activities and Cooperation b/w NABCB and PTB for the second phase of the project starting this year.



### **NABCB-BSI** Meeting

NABCB Officials Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari, CEO and Ms. Varsha Misra, Dy. Director visited BSI UK Head Office in London and met senior officials Mr. Scott Steedman - DG, Mr. David Bell – Director Standards Policy, Mr. Peter Sissons – Director International Engagement, Mr. Charles Davies – Principal Consultant – International Projects, Alfred WK AU – Global Technical & Compliance Director, Ahmad Al-Khatib – Global Director Assessment & Systems Certification Services, Ms. Armenika Kondi – Manager International Projects, Mr. Tim McGarr and other senior officials, and held discussions on key matters of mutual interest and had very fruitful information exchange.

NABCB and BSI UK has been working closely in the past few years for facilitating capacity building in India in various areas of QI, initially under the CITD Project funded by European Commission, and now under the EoDB Project funded by the UK Govt. During the meeting BSI UK shared information on international capacity building activities and the BSI Quality Assurance activities in India. BSI UK also provided information on emerging areas in standardization, especially in IT/Digital areas, and the new areas for accreditation & accredited conformity assessment. BSI India is accredited by NABCB, and NABCB also held discussions with BSI UK for enhancing accreditation activities under NABCB in India.



# NABCB-BSI UK Meeting







# NABCB-UKAS meeting to further strengthen their Partnership and Mutual Cooperation

CEO, NABCB Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari and CEO,UKAS Mr. Matt Gantley met at UKAS London Office to further strengthen partnership and cooperation amongst the two accreditation bodies. During the meeting, discussion was held on various areas of interest for both the ABs, including the upcoming and emerging areas for accreditation. Mr. Matt Gantley apprised on the overall Quality Infrastructure (QI) in UK, especially post-Brexit, the Governance structure of UKAS and the important role UKAS plays as the National Accreditation Body (NAB) in UK to support the Government, Regulators and the Industry. Information was also shared on the key accreditation schemes, the new development projects being undertaken and the accreditation activities in IT/Digital areas by UKAS, and the various conformity assessment schemes currently endorsed by European Accreditation (EA).

Ms. Varsha Misra, Dy. Director from NABCB, and Mr. Jeff Ruddle – Strategic Development Director, Ms. Lorraine Turner – Accreditation Director, Mr. Kevin Belson – Technical Manager, and other senior officers from UKAS also attended the meeting.









# NABCB attended APAC Training on Accreditation of Food Safety Certification -ISO 22003 (Parts 1 and 2)

Mr. Anand Deep Gupta, Joint Director and Ms. Varsha M., Deputy Director, NABCB attended Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC) 2023 Training event on Accreditation of Food Safety Certification -ISO 22003 (Parts 1 and 2) delivered on: 8 – 10 March 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand and hosted by the National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS), Thailand.

The program began with the opening remark of Mr. Pisan Pongsapitch, Secretary General, National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS), Thailand.

The Training facilitators were Ms. Kylie Sheehan, JAS-ANZ and Mr. Apisit Prakarnkamanant, ACFS.













### **NABCB** participation in International Scheme Owners Annual AB Meetings

The international certification scheme owners, GLOBALG.A.P. c/o FoodPLUS GmbH.A.P. (Global Good Agricultural Practices), BRCGS (Brand Reputation Compliance Global standards) and IFS - International Featured Standards (International Featured Standards) held their Annual Meetings with Accreditation Bodies in London, in which the Scheme Owners provided an overview on their schemes / standards, new requirements and updates in their schemes / standards, updates on their compliance and integrity programs, updated IT systems, the areas of key concerns etc., and information / clarifications as sought by representatives from the accreditation bodies.

NABCB was represented by Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari, CEO, and Ms. Varsha Misra, Dy. Director in these meetings, the meetings had participation from other Abs such as UKAS, COFRAC, Raad voor Accreditatie, Accredia, Deutsche Akkreditierungsstelle (DAkkS), ANSI National Accreditation Board/ANAB, PCA, Ipack Turkey, ENAS, SANAS, SAS, IOAS, IAS, Inmetro - Instituto Nacional de Metrologia, Qualidade e Tecnologia.

# NABCB participation in International Scheme Owners Annual AB Meetings











### **NABCB attended APAC Nominated Evaluator Training**

Mr. Anand Deep Gupta, Joint Director, NABCB attended APAC Nominated Evaluator Training (as Refresher) in-person on 11-12 March 2023 in Singapore hosted by Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC).

The training sessions were comprised of different case studies, workshops on APAC evaluation as well as ISO/IEC 17011:2017 requirements.

The Training was facilitated by Ms. Cathy Wylie, CALA, Canada, Mr. Doug Leonard, ANAB, USA and Mr. Brahim Houla, (GAC).







### **NABCB Attended 2-day APAC Lead Evaluator Workshop**

Shri. Rajesh Maheshwari, CEO, NABCB attended 2 days APAC lead evaluator workshop held physically in Singapore from 13-14 March 2023. The training provided a collegiate opportunity to gather Lead Evaluators together in person to review and discuss how APAC evaluations (including remote evaluations) are being conducted in accordance with the APAC MRA procedures and relevant IAF/ILAC requirements.

The workshop was very interactive and opportunities for improvement in APAC evaluation procedures and practices were discussed.



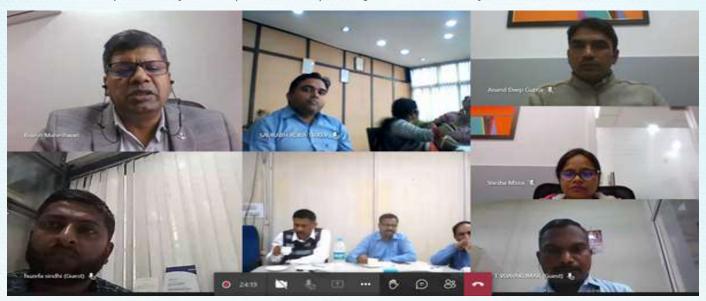


### **NABCB Monthly Webinars**

To increase awareness about various NABCB accreditation schemes, a series of monthly webinars were organized from January to March 2023 with the objective to increase awareness about various NABCB schemes and the benefits of using NABCB accredited conformity assessment bodies amongst Government organizations, Regulators, Industry, Conformity Assessments Bodies (CABs) and other stakeholders. Senior officials from NABCB facilitated the webinars. The opening remarks for webinar were given by Shri. Rajesh Maheshwari, CEO, NABCB. Senior NABCB officials facilitated the webinar. The webinars received overwhelming response and was attended by participants from different countries including regulators and other relevant stakeholders.

### Inspection Bodies Webinar

Webinars on the Inspection Body scheme (ISO/IEC 17020) was organized on 24 January and 24 March 2023.



### Food Safety Management System Webinar

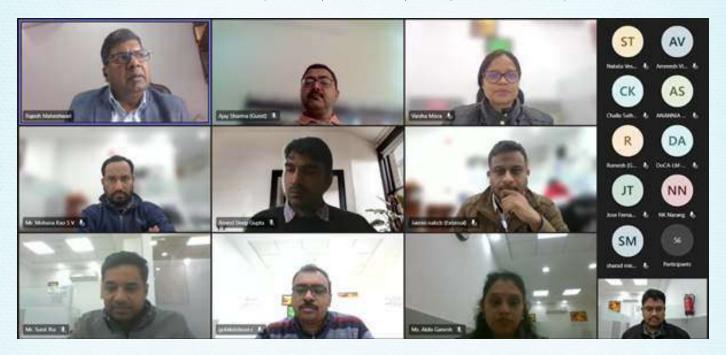
Webinar on the Food Safety Management System scheme ISO/IEC 17021- 1:2015 with a focus on ISO/TS 22003:2013 and MD 16:2015 was organized on 24 February 2023.





### Validation and Verification Bodies Webinar

 $We bin ar on the \ Validation\ and\ Verification\ Body\ scheme\ (ISO/IEC\ 17029)\ was\ organized\ on\ 30\ January\ 2023.$ 



### • Product Certification Bodies Webinar

Webinar on the Product Certification Body scheme (ISO/IEC 17065:2012 and ISO/IEC 17067:2013) was organized on 31 January 2023.





### **NABCB Article Published in IAF Outlook Magazine**

NABCB article on the topic "Accreditation Supporting the growth of Infrastructure sector" written by Ms. Varsha Misra, Deputy Director & Abhishek Thakur, Analyst has been published in the prestigious IAF Outlook Magazine.

### **Excerpt from article:**

"The infrastructure sector is a key driver for economic growth. Infrastructure affects growth through supply and demand channels including the product, process and service industries. Investment in infrastructure (buildings, power plants, transportation) networks directly impacts economic growth, which ensures efficient trade and supply chains of goods and services, thereby increasing productivity and competitiveness. It is pivotal that quality and conformity are ensured in such a critical sector."

Read the complete article at at Accreditation Supporting the Growth of Infrastructure Sector

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### Accreditation Supporting the Growth of the Infrastructure Sector

ON DECEMBER 23, 2022 • ( 1 COMMENT )



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Abhishek Thakur Analyst, NABCB Quality Council of India

The infrastructure sector is a key driver for economic growth. Infrastructure affects growth through supply and demand channels including the product, process and service industries. Investment in infrastructure (buildings, power plants, transportation) networks directly impacts economic growth, which ensures efficient trade and supply chains of goods and services, thereby increasing productivity and competitiveness. It is pivotal that quality and conformity are ensured in such a critical sector.



The information technology revolution is also impacting the construction industry, enabling us to better design sustainable infrastructure. Technologies are helping in the simulation of structures to make them resilient and easily maintainable. Drones and other equipment are helping in covering huge areas, addressing human limitations. Many prefabricated technologies are

helping in maintaining the sustainability of the built infrastructure and its upkeep.



### **NABCB Accreditation at a Glance**

### **New Accreditation**

During the quarter January-March 2023, NABCB has granted accreditations in Management Systems (02), Product Certification (02) & Inspection (04) as follows:

- Astraleus Services Pvt. Ltd. as per ISO/IEC 17020 since January 2023
- Quest Certification Pvt. Ltd. as per ISO/IEC 17020 since January 2023
- SGS Bangladesh Ltd. as per ISO/IEC 17020 since February 2023
- ERDMP Academy LLP as per ISO/IEC 17020 since February 2023
- Iranian Petroleum Institute Certification Body as per ISO/IEC 17065 since February 2023
- Rites Ltd., QA Division as per ISO/IEC 17065 since February 2023
- Bureau Veritas (India) Pvt. Ltd. as per ISO/IEC 17021-1 for MDQMS since January 2023
- Intertek Pvt. Ltd. as per ISO/IEC 17021-1 for EOMS since January 2023.

### **New Application**

During the quarter January-March 2023, NABCB has granted accreditations in Management Systems (02), Product Certification (03), Personal Certification (01), Validation & Verification Bodies (1) & Inspection (07) as follows:

- International Certification Services Pvt. Ltd. for FSMS as per ISO/IEC 17021-1
- Swisscert for FSMS as per ISO/IEC 17021-1
- Norme Global Certification Private Limited for PCB as per ISO/IEC 17065
- VNG Certification Private Limited for PCB as per ISO/IEC 17065
- Baltic Testing India Pvt Ltd. for PCB as per ISO/IEC 17065
- Certification and Inspection Body, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited as per ISO/IEC 17020
- Eco Energime Engineers LLP as per ISO/IEC 17020
- Anis Inspection India LLP as per ISO/IEC 17020
- Omreserach & Testing Laboratory Pvt. Ltd. as per ISO/IEC 17020
- Nature Science Foundation (NSF) as per ISO/IEC 17020
- Qualitek Labs Pvt Ltd as per ISO/IEC 17020
- SgurrEnergy India Private Limited (SgurrEnergy) as per ISO/IEC 17020
- Modish Services Pvt. Ltd. as per ISO/IEC 17024
- Dnv Business Assurance India Pvt Ltd as per ISO/IEC 17029





### NABCB Accreditation (as on 22 March 2023)

Accreditation Programmes	Accreditations	Applications
Quality Management Systems (QMS)	40	09
Environmental Management Systems (EMS)	16	04
Inspection Bodies (IB)	94	19
Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS)	22	09
Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems (OHSMS)	12	05
Product Certification (PCB)	28	06
Information Security Management Systems (ISMS)	07	02
Energy Management Systems (EnMS)	06	00
Information Technology Service Management Systems (ITSMS)	02	01
Personnel Certification (PrCB)	09	02
Road Traffic Safety Management Systems (RTSMS)	-	-
Trustworthy Digital Repositories Management Systems (TDRMS)	01	-
Validation and Verification Bodies (VVB)	05	01
Business Continuity Management Systems (BCMS)	01	01
Medical Devices QMS (MDQMS)	16	05
Anti-Bribery Management Systems (ABMS)	-	01
Asset Management Systems (AMS)	-	01