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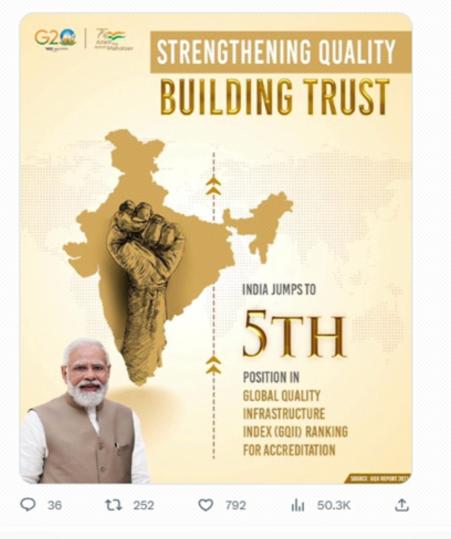
Indian Accreditation System Ranked 5th Globally by GQII



Piyush Goyal 🤣 @PiyushGoyal · Feb 9 Proud moment!

India jumps to the 5th position in Global Quality Infrastructure Index (GQII) Ranking for Accreditation.

PM @NarendraModi ji's strong focus on strengthening quality consciousness is enabling India to set new global benchmarks for quality & trust.



GQII 2021: Global Ranking and Subrankings by QI area (184 Economies)

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

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.



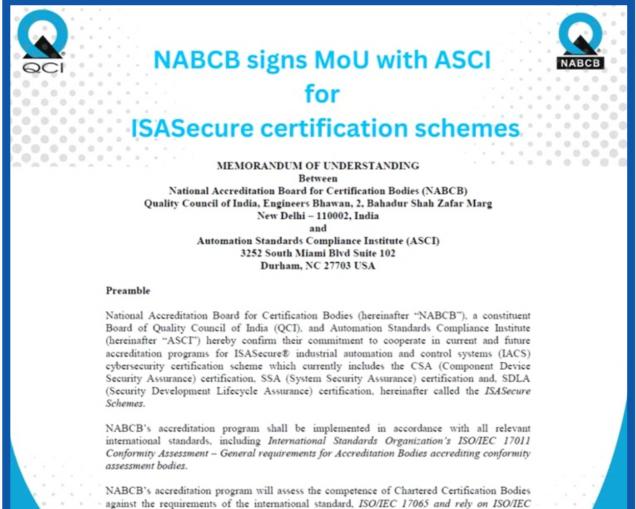
NABCB became APAC MRA Signatory for new schemes

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- 1. BCMS (ISO 22301) sub-scope extension under Management Systems (ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015) main scope
- 2. Validation & Verification main scope (ISO/IEC17029:2019)
- 3. Environmental Information (ISO/IEC 14065:2020) sub-scope extension under Validation & Verification (ISO 17029) main scope

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Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA)								
Certificate								
In accordance with ISO/IEC 17011:2017 and the procedures of the Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (APAC), APAC hereby confirms the following APAC Member is a signatory to the APAC MRA:								
National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) India								
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NABCB signed MoU with ASCI for ISASecure Certification scheme



against the requirements of the international standard, ISO/IEC 17065 and rely on ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation (where applicable), and the additional requirements as specified in the ISASecure Scheme documents, such as CSA-200, SSA-200, SDLA-200. (If requested by NABCB, ASCI will specify the tables for NABCB to reduce the ambibuity of requirements and provide finite definition).

NABCB Secured International equivalence for ITSMS (ISO/IEC 20000-6/20000-1)

NABCB became the firstsignatory of the Asia PacificAccreditation Cooperation (APAC) MRA for ITSMS(ISO/IEC 20000-6 / 20000-1) sub-scope extension under Management Systems(ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015) main scope.

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	30 Sep 2021					
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Information Technology Service Management Systems ITSMS (ISO/IEC 20000-6 / 20000-1)	04 Sep 2023					
Medical Device Quality Management Systems MDQMS (ISO 13845)	01 May 2020					
Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems OHSMS (ISO 45001)	19 Dec 2018					
Quality Management Systems QMS (ISO 9001)	07 Aug 2002					
Certification - Persons ISO/IEC 17024	20 Jun 2019					
Certification - Product, Process and Services ISO/IEC 17065	22 May 2013					
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Inspection ISO/IEC 17020	11 Sep 2013					
Validation and Verification ISO/IEC 17029	06 Jun 2023					
Environmental Information (ISO 14065:2020)	06 Jun 2023					
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Meet our New Chairman

Dr. Ravi P Singh has been appointed as the Chairman of the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB). Dr. Singh is presently the Provost (Vice Chancellor) at Adani University, Shantigram, Ahmedabad. He spearheads the University which has focus areas on Green Energy, Green Infrastructure, Cyber security and sustainability as its core.

Prior to his role at Adani University, Dr. Singh served as the fourth Secretary General of the Quality Council of India (QCI) from 2014 to 2023. Born and educated in Varanasi, he earned a Gold Medal for his Masters in Physics from BHU, Varanasi. Dr. Singh completed his Ph.D. and Post-doctoral fellowship in Physics at the University of Western Ontario (now Western University), Canada.



NABCB organized Indian Industry Bodies Meeting on Quality Infrastructure (QI)

The NABCB organized the second edition of the Indian Industry Bodies Meeting on Quality Infrastructure (QI) for sectors including Electronics, IT, Telecom, Engineering, and capital goods. The event focused on discussing the significance of standards, technical regulations, and accredited conformity assessment in various industry sectors.

Prominent figures present at the inaugural session included Mr. Jaxay Shah, Chairman of QCI; Mr. Deep Kapuria, Chairman of NABCB; Mr. Vipin Sondhi, Chairman of NBQP; Mr. Sanjay Notani, Co-Chairperson of ASSOCHAM; Mr. Prashanth Kumar, DDG of TEC; Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari, Secretary General of QCI & CEO NABCB; and Mr. Virender Singh, Senior Counsellor of CII.

In his welcome address, Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari emphasized the role of QCI in promoting quality elements and fostering quality awareness across sectors. Mr. Deep Kapuria stressed the transformative impact of emerging technologies and digital trade on global business, underlining the need to adapt and address associated policy and regulatory challenges. Mr. Vipin Sondhi highlighted the multifaceted sustainability challenges facing the Automobile Industry.

Mr. Sanjay Notani underscored the importance of Multilateral & Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MLAs/MRAs) in facilitating global trade. Mr. Virender Singh highlighted the critical role of conformity assessment in building trust among customers, ensuring safety, maintaining quality, and accessing markets. Mr. Prashanth Kumar emphasized the significance of developing globally accepted Indian standards.

Mr. Jaxay Shah, in his inaugural address, stressed that standards, technical regulations, and accredited conformity assessments are the cornerstone of modern economies, especially in IT, Electronics, and Telecommunications sectors.

The event featured two technical sessions aimed at highlighting the role of Quality Infrastructure in the Telecom, IT, Electronics, Engineering, and capital goods sectors. Speakers from organizations like STQC, TEMA, DSCI, ELCINA, ICEA, MRAI, IMTMA, CEAMA, ACMA, LECPL, PPMAI, and EEPC participated in these sessions. They discussed the pivotal role of standards, technical regulations, accredited conformity assessment, and compliance mechanisms in facilitating international market access and reducing import dependencies.

The event attracted over 90 participants from various industry organizations.









NABCB organized Annual Assessors' Conclave

The NABCB hosted its two-day Annual Assessors' Conclave in a hybrid format on October 9th and 10th.

The first day of the conclave was dedicated to assessors for Certification Bodies. The day began with an inaugural address by Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari, CEO, NABCB who extended a warm welcome to all attendees. Mr. Maheshwari expressed his sincere gratitude for the unwavering support and dedication of all assessors in their roles and services to NABCB. In his opening remarks, he provided valuable updates on ISO, IAF, APAC, and NABCB, along with the endorsement of NABCB by Global Scheme Owners and Regulatory Bodies. The discussions included the introduction of new accreditation schemes launched by NABCB, particularly in the fields of Aerospace Quality Management Systems and Facility Management Systems.

Additionally, the focus was on the implementation of new or revised ISO standards. Assessors also delved into the requirements of new international and national schemes, such as FSSC 22000, FAMI-QS, i-CAS Halal, and the mandatory documents stipulated by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF).

The Second day of the Conclave was dedicated to Assessors for Inspection, Validation, and Verification Bodies (VVBs). Mr. Jaxay Shah, Chairman, QCI, delivered the keynote address on the Second Day. In his speech, Mr. Shah expressed his deep appreciation for the committed efforts of NABCB Assessors and stressed the vital aspects of their work, including the need for thoroughness, agility, and the production of precise and comprehensive assessment reports. He also underscored the importance of maintaining integrity and ethical values throughout the assessment process.

Updates on ILAC, APAC, IAF, government regulators prescribing NABCB-accredited inspection bodies, and new regulations of PNGRB were provided to Assessors. Furthermore, Assessors were informed about NABCB accreditation criteria for VVBs, key requirements in ISO/IEC 17029:2019 and ISO 14065:2020, as well as ISO 14064 parts 1, 2, and 3. There were also discussions on new schemes and a briefing on the VCS scheme, along with new standards and schemes under development.

Additionally, assessors had the opportunity to share their experiences and insights gained from assessments, contributing to the harmonization of the assessment process.





NABCB presented at ESG Professional Development Conference - 2023

NABCB officials participated in the "ESG Professional Development Conference - 2023," organized by Corporate Governance Advisory Services. During the conference, Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari, CEO, NABCB delivered a presentation focusing on the theme of "Ensuring Credible Compliance in GHG Validation & Verification Activities." He shed light on the pivotal role of accreditation in resolving critical challenges within ESG Rating and Sustainability Reporting. He also has emphasized the value of utilizing accredited conformity assessment processes for ESG verification, reporting, and rating.

Furthermore, the session included an interactive segment where questions from the audience were addressed.





NABCB Article published in Agriculture Today

Ms. Varsha Misra, Deputy Director, NABCB, authored an article titled "Horticulture - Farm to Fork via Quality Management," which has been featured in the esteemed Agriculture Today magazine. The article sheds light on the significant impact of Quality Management in the Horticulture Sector. For a comprehensive read, please visit the provided link.

https://agriculturetoday.in/magazine/magazine-oct-2023

QUALITY MATTERS

HORTICULTURE FARM TO FORK VIA QUALITY MANAGEMENT

e term "Horticulture" often conjures images of gardens and nurseries, but it encompasses far more than that. It encompasses the cultivation of a diverse range of crops, both for sustenance and non-food purposes. Our honorable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has consistently emphasized the imperative of doubling farmers' incomes. underscoring the pivotal role that horticulture plays in achieving this goal.

Horticulture - Driver of Agriculture Growth

Horticulture serves as a fundamental and enduring cornerstone within the agricultural sector. This vital branch of agriculture focuses on the cultivation of plants and vegetables for diverse purposes, encompassing food, medicinal, and various other applications. What sets horticulture apart is its labor-intensive nature, its ability to yield higher productivity, its market-oriented strategies, and its reliance on technologydriven practices. Consequently, it emerges as an attractive and pivotal driver of agricultural growth. Notably, horticulture holds a special allure for small and marginal farmers, as it promises heightened profitability and economic prospects.

The horticulture sector in India produces around 320 million tonnes of products and contributes about 33% of the Gross Value Addition (GVA). Global horticulture production has reached approximately 2.5 billion metric tonnes in 2020, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Among major economies China, India, and the United States are the world's leading producers of horticultural products,

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both fruits and vegetables.

Quality Assurance & Certification Quality assurance & certification is the ing, and other essential facets to meet bulwark of the horticulture value chain, and exceed the stringent standards set by ensuring the highest standards from farm

to fork. In the global agricultural trade arena, particularly in the realm of horticulture (fruits and vegetables), the bedrock rests upon the meticulous maintenance of guality, aligning with the directives of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and regional market regulations, including phytosanitary and post-harvest protocols. The Foreign Trade Policy of 2023 has prominently emwith China being the largest producer of phasized one of its pivotal objectives: the enhancement of capacity and infrastructure development. This multifaceted approach encompasses testing, branding, packagglobal value chains, ultimately fostering a



Varsha Misra, Deputy Director, Quality Council of India

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NABCB Meeting with IPAF

Mr. Jason Woods, the Regional Manager for the Middle East and South Asia at the International Powered Access Federation (IPAF) visited the NABCB office. During his visit, he engaged in a productive conversation with senior officials from NABCB, with a primary focus on exploring opportunities for mutual collaboration between the two organizations.

IPAF, a not-for-profit entity, is structured around its member base, which includes manufacturers, rental companies, distributors, contractors, and users of powered access equipment. The organization's mission is to advocate for the safe and efficient utilization of powered access equipment on a global scale. IPAF achieves this mission by providing technical guidance and information, actively influencing and interpreting legislation and standards, and implementing various safety initiatives and training programs.

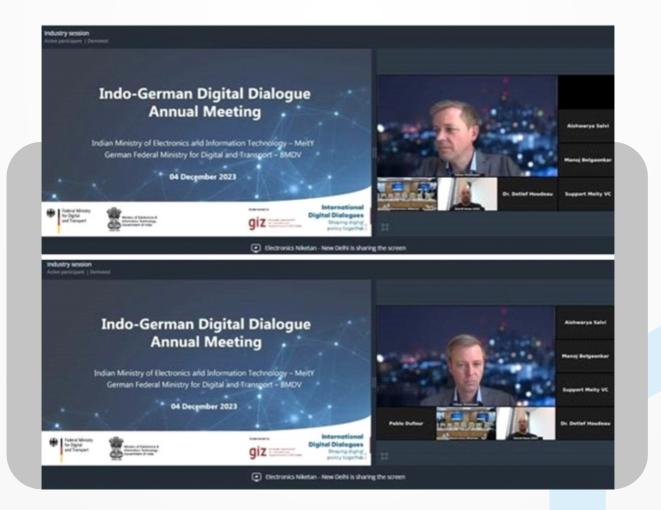


NABCB Meeting with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

NABCB had a meeting with Sr. Officials of SEBI on 27 October 2023 for use of NABCB accreditation for assurance providers in verification inspection / certification for assurance and ESG Disclosures by making the necessary amendment in the regulation 34, in sub-regulation (2) clause (f) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

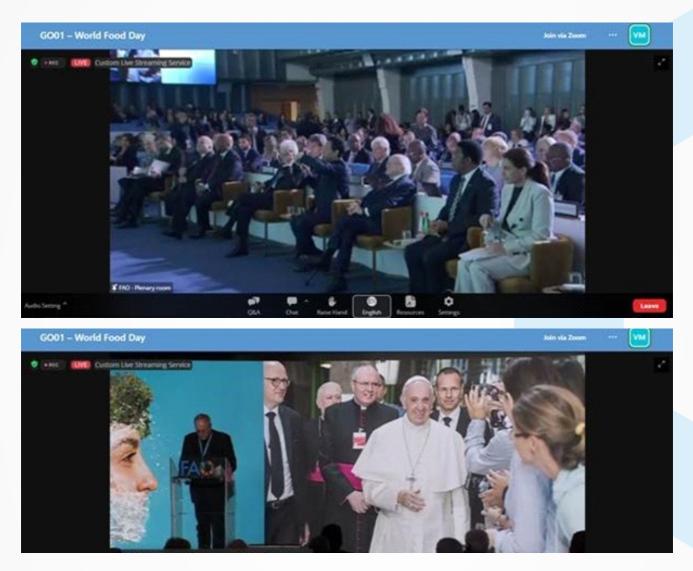
NABCB Attended Annual Meeting of Indo-German Digital Dialogue"

NABCB officials virtually attended the Annual Meeting of Indo-German Digital Dialogue held in New Delhi. The meeting was co-chaired by Shri S. Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY and Mr. Stefan Schnorr, State Secretary, German Ministry for Digital and Transport (BMDV). Both sides discussed progress in digitalisation and digital cooperation in areas like Digital Public Infrastructure; Emerging technologies as IoT, AI, Industry 4.0; Internet Governance, Digital skilling, and Start-ups. The dialogue witnessed active participation of stakeholders from both countries.



NABCB attended World Food Day Flagship event

Ms. Varsha Misra, Deputy Director, NABCB attended the World Food Day Flagship event hosted by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The event featured special messages from Pope Francis and the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres as well as the presentation of the FAO's Achievement Award. The event also witnessed the participation of Heads of the Rome-based UN agencies and other special guests.



NABCB attended 96th Annual General Meeting and Annual Convention of FICCI

NABCB-QCI attended the inaugural session of the 96th Annual General Meeting and Annual Convention of FICCI. The central theme of the meeting, "The World's Growth Engine," aptly recognized India's substantial role as a key contributor to the global economy and underscored the nation's commitment to fostering growth, innovation, and resilience in various sectors, aligning with the broader global economic landscape.

The session was honored by the esteemed presence of Shri. Piyush Goyal, the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and Textiles. During his address, the Hon'ble Minister outlined a visionary roadmap for India, aspiring to be a 35 trillion-dollar economy and developed nation by 2047. He emphasized the strategic goals of positioning India as a leading manufacturing hub, a technology powerhouse, and an innovation center on the global stage.

Established in 1927, FICCI is the largest and oldest non-government, not-for-profit organization apex business organization in India. From influencing policy to encouraging debate, and engaging with policymakers and civil society, FICCI plays a major role in articulating the views and concerns of industry. FICCI is the voice of India's business and industry.





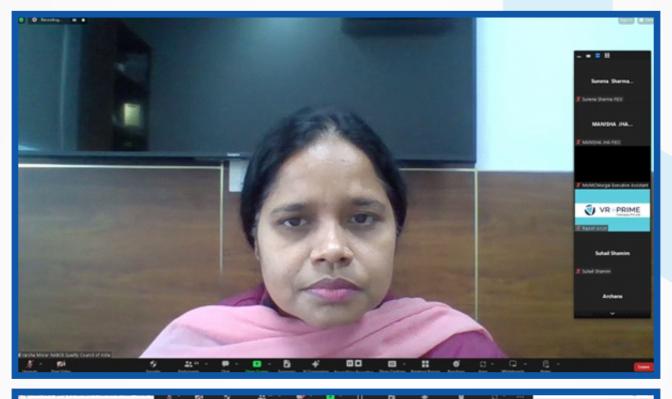
NABCB attended the 15th-anniversary of NSF in India

NABCB was invited to attend an event hosted by NSF International to commemorate the successful 15-year journey of NSF in India. The gathering included senior leadership from NSF including Mr. Jose Luis Borerro, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Scott Morris, Senior Vice President of Emerging Markets and Laboratories, and Ms. Lesley Ma, Chief Information Officer & Ms. Jyoti Bhasin, Managing Director – Asia Pacific. Ms. Varsha Misra, Deputy Director and Mr. Nandkishore Ingle, Assistant Director attended the event. The event aimed to facilitate discussions on potential collaboration between NABCB and NSF.



NABCB presented at Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO)

FIEO in its trade facilitation efforts in agriculture & allied sector, organised virtual session on "India's Conformity Assessment Scheme (i-CAS) for Halal Products" on Dec 21, 2023. Ms. Varsha Misra, Deputy Director, NABCB addressed participants on "insights of I - CAS Halal Scheme". The session was attended by a large number of exporters and provided them a platform to get updates and also seek clarification on Halal certification process for meat & meat products.



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Way Forward for Halal Certification in India

Recommendations

NABCB

- Role Clarity of Institutions Involved: Defining the overarching structure for implementation of the i-CAS Halal in India, and the role clarity of the institutions involved especially relating to Scheme Ownership, Standards formulation, and Implementation of scheme, and to avoid any potential conflicts of interest.
- Aligning the i-CAS Halal as per International Requirements / Practices: Establishing & aligning the scheme in
 accordance with international standards (ISO) so that accredited certification under the scheme is harmonized with the
 international requirements and practices, and that the i-CAS Halal can be benchmarked with other reputed global
 schemes. This may also require developing a new logo/mark for the i-CAS Halal.
- Conformity Assessment through Accredited Third-Party Bodies: Prescribing the NABCB accredited third-party
 conformity assessment bodies under the complete oversight of QCI will facilitate robustness of assessment of the
 entities certified under the i-CAS Halal, as well as leveraging the already available internationally recognized
 accreditation infrastructure within the country. This will also facilitate international equivalence and acceptance of
 accredited certifications under the i-CAS Halal.

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NABCB attended IAF-ILAC Joint Annual Meetings

NABCB was represented by its CEO, Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari, Joint Director, Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, and Deputy Director, Ms. Varsha Misra, at the joint Annual IAF-ILAC meetings in Montreal, Canada, held from November 6 to November 15, 2023. The event served as a platform for engaging in a diverse range of activities, including participation in various technical committees, working groups, IAF DMC, and task force meetings.

In his capacity as the Chair of the IAF Database Management Committee (DMC), Mr. Maheshwari provided updates on the IAF CertSearch Database and a demonstration of database was conducted for the participants. Additionally, he attended meetings such as the IAF Board of Directors, IAF-ILAC Joint Executive Committee, IAF Executive Committee, ILAC General Assembly, and IAF ABIEG. Mr. Maheshwari also participated in IAF/ILAC Steering Committee meeting. The steering committee is working to establish a single worldwide association of Accreditation Bodies and stakeholder organizations with an interest in the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies.

Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma & Ms. Varsha Misra actively participated in various Working Group (WG) and Taskforce (TF) meetings, including the Joint Working Group on Communication, ILAC WG on metrology, APG (EMS), IAF TF on Competence of AB Assessors and Experts, IAF WG on Validation and Verification (ISO/IEC 17029), IAF TF on Revision of MD 17, IAF WG ICTDS (ISO 20000 & ISO/IEC 27001), ILAC Inspection Committee, IAF WG on Forests, ILAC WG on ISO 17034, IAF WG on Medical Devices (ISO 13485), IAF TF on Audit Time, IAF TF on the revision of MD 11 and 12, IAF WG on Persons Certification (ISO/IEC 17024), and Food, ILAC Stakeholder forum and an informative ICAO Workshop.

The meetings saw participation from over 400 participants representing 84 countries.



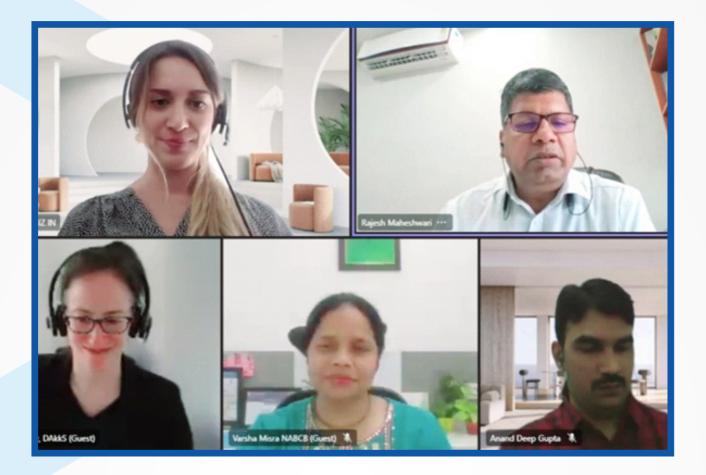


NABCB Participated in Indo-German Exchange on Digital Solutions for Accreditation

NABCB officials took part in Indo-German exchange program focused on sharing recent developments in digital accreditation approaches, which was facilitated by GIZ and involved collaboration between DAkkS and NABCB.

During the program, NABCB offered an informative presentation on the digitalization of Quality Infrastructure in India, while DAkkS shared valuable insights on Digitalisation of Accreditation along with live Demonstration of the Digital Accreditation Symbol.

The discussions during the program delved into various topics, such as the digitalization of accreditation procedures, certificates, internal operations within accreditation bodies, and the opportunities and challenges associated with the digital transformation of accreditation processes.



NABCB meeting with CGCRE / INMETRO, Brazil

NABCB has signed an MoU with CGCRE / INMETRO for mutual recognition of results of accreditation assessments of CABs carried out by both parties.

On 18 October, 2023, NABCB had a productive meeting with CGCRE/INMETRO, Brazil. The discussion centered around several key areas, including Halal Certification, the Energy Sector, Bio Banks, Validation & Verification, and Market Surveillance.

NABCB attended Regional Training on Product Certification based on the International Standards ISO/IEC 17065 and ISO/IEC 17067

Ms. Varsha Misra, Deputy Director NABCB, participated in a Regional Training on ISO/IEC 17065 (Product Certification) and ISO/IEC 17067 organized by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in Jakarta, Indonesia, from November 28-30. The comprehensive threeday program featured technical sessions aimed at enhancing participants' knowledge and comprehension on the various requirements of ISO/IEC 17065 and ISO/IEC 17067. The training incorporated interactive elements such as group activities and discussions to maximize learning outcomes and foster long-term knowledge retention.







NABCB participated in ISO/CASCO WG 30 meeting for Revision of ISO/IEC 17024

Ms. Varsha Misra, Deputy Director, NABCB virtually participated in ISO/CASCO Working Group 30 meeting from 28 to 30 November. The Working group is currently revising ISO/IEC 17024:2012 Conformity assessment, General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons. The working group has members who are experts in the field of certification of persons representing certification bodies, examination development and measurement experts and accreditation bodies.



NABCB meeting with International Accreditation Services (IAS)

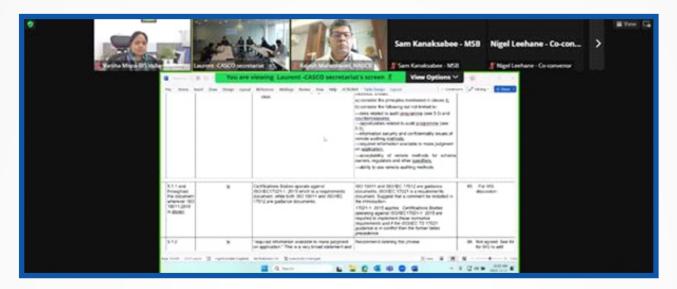
Mr. Kartik S., Head, Quality and Regulatory Affairs, International Accreditation Service (IAS) visited the NABCB office and had a productive meeting with senior NABCB officials. The meeting aimed to share best accreditation practices and discuss the possible area of collaboration and b/w both Accreditation Bodies (ABs).





NABCB participated in ISO/CASCO/WG 61 meeting

Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari, CEO and Ms. Varsha Misra, Deputy Director, NABCB attended the 3day ISO/CASCO/ WG 61 meeting from 11-13 December. The working group is currently in the process of developing ISO/IEC TS 17012 standard, titled "Guidelines for the use of remote auditing methods in auditing management system". Its scope is all-encompassing, catering to various types of audits, including 1st, 2nd, and 3rd party audits, and addresses the needs of organizations engaged in internal or external audits of their management systems.



NABCB attended a session hosted by ISO at the COP28 Conference

Ms. Varsha Misra, Deputy Director, NABCB attended a session on Accreditation to meet climate commitments and the SDGs hosted by ISO at the COP28 Conference. The pavilion

aimed to highlight the crucial role of International Standards in addressing climate change. Further, the speakers deliberated on the importance of having international standards for measuring, reporting, and accredited verification to ensure that clean hydrogen has comparable product carbon footprints and to promote and accelerate its global dissemination.



Accreditation to meet climate commitments and the SDGs

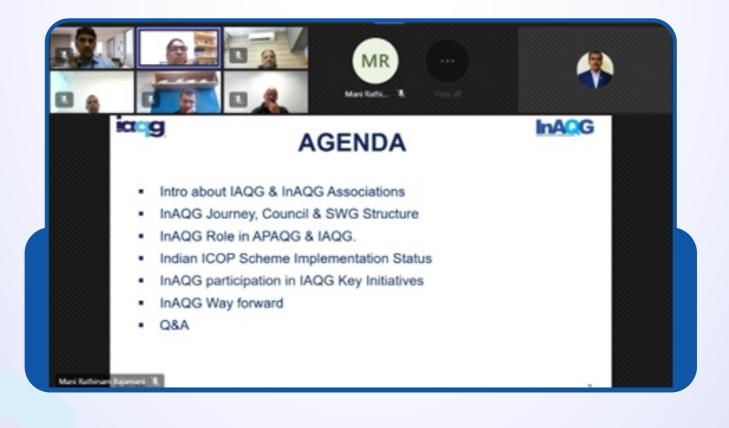
NABCB Webinars

NABCB & InAQG Webinar

NABCB and Indian Aerospace Quality Group (InAQG) jointly organized a sensitization webinar to disseminate about InAQG & its role in the Indian Aerospace Supply Chain Improvement initiatives on 02 Nov 2023.

Mr. Vijay Prajapathi, Country Head, InAQG presented about IAQG & InAQG Associations and InAQG's Role in APAQG & IAQG. He also provided an update on the Indian ICOP Scheme implementation status & InAQG Participation in IAQG Key initiatives. Furthermore, he apprised the participants of NABCB as a recognized AB for the ICOP scheme.

The Webinar was attended by 50+ participants from Certification bodies, representatives from TIC Council, ACBI and InAQG Council members.

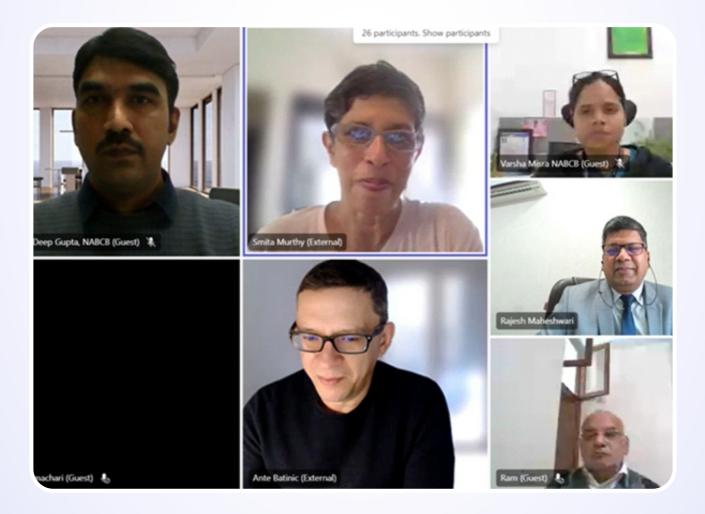


Webinar on FSSC 24000 & FSSC 22000 Version 6

NABCB, in collaboration with the Foundation FSSC, recently organized a highly informative webinar focused on FSSC 24000 and FSSC 22000 Version 6. The opening remarks were delivered by Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari, the CEO of NABCB, who expressed gratitude to all participants for their attendance and set the tone for the webinar.

The webinar featured insightful training sessions led by Mr. Ante Batinic, the Technical Manager for Social Sustainability at FSSC, and Ms. Smita Murthy, the India Representative for FSSC. Mr. Batinic provided valuable insights into the diverse requirements of FSSC 24000, while Ms. Murthy elaborated on the specifications of FSSC 22000 V6.

The training was attended by NABCB assessors, technical experts, and officials from the NABCB secretariat. The interactive nature of the sessions allowed participants to actively engage with the facilitators, seeking clarification on various aspects.



NEW JOINING

NABCB Welcome its new members to the team



Mr. Shubham Saha Accreditation Officer



Mr. Dhaval Solanki Accreditation Officer

NABCB Accreditation



During the quarter Oct-Dec 2023, NABCB has granted accreditations in Management Systems (05), Inspection (04), Product Certification (03) & Validation and Verification (01) as follows:

- DELTA300 Global Certification Solutions Pvt. Ltd.as per ISO/IEC 17021-1 for EMS, FSMS OHSMS, ISMS & QMS since November 2023
- Stem Intec LLP Ltd. as per ISO/IEC 17020 since October 2023
- Qualitek Labs Pvt. Ltd. as per ISO/IEC 17020 since October 2023
- SafeNet Industrial Solutions LLP as per ISO/IEC 17020 since Nov 2023
- Medury Global Inspection Services (India) Pvt. Ltd. as per ISO/IEC 17020 since December 2023
- Vcert Quality Certification Pvt. Ltd. as per ISO/IEC 17065 for PCB since October 2023
- Markek International Certifications Pvt. Ltd. as per ISO/IEC 17065 for PCB since November 2023
- JUHF Certification Pvt. Ltd. as per ISO/IEC 17065 for PCB since November 2023
- DNV Business Assurance Pvt. Ltd. as per ISO/IEC 17029 for Validation and Verification since December 2023.

Accreditation Status

Accreditation Programmes	Accreditations	Applications
Quality Management Systems (QMS)	46	08
Environmental Management Systems (EMS)	21	05
Inspection Bodies (IB)	103	22
Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS)	26	06
Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems (OHSMS)	17	05
Product Certification (PCB)	32	09
Information Security Management Systems (ISMS)	10	03
Energy Management Systems (EnMS)	08	-
Information Technology Service Management Systems (ITSMS)	03	-
Personnel Certification (PrCB)	08	04
Aerospace Quality Management System (AQMS)	-	02
Trustworthy Digital Repositories Management Systems (TDRMS)	01	-
Validation and Verification Bodies (VVB)	06	02
Business Continuity Management Systems (BCMS)	02	-
Medical Devices QMS (MDQMS)	16	05
Anti-Bribery Management Systems (ABMS)	-	01
Asset Management Systems (AMS)	-	01

Goodbye 2023!

As we bid farewell to another remarkable year, we want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to everyone for being an integral part of the NABCB family. Your unwavering support and collaboration have played a significant role in our journey of promoting excellence and reliability in Accreditation Services.

May the coming year bring prosperity, success, and fulfillment to you and your endeavors. Here's to another year of shared accomplishments and strengthened alliances.

Thank you for being an essential part of the NABCB journey.





