

## Celebrating World Accreditation Day 2024: "Accreditation: Empowering Tomorrow and Shaping the Future"



World Accreditation Day (WAD) is a global initiative established by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), celebrated annually on June 9th to raise awareness about the importance of accreditation among all relevant stakeholders. This year, the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) and the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), the two constituent boards of the Quality Council of India (QCI), commemorated WAD by organizing events across the country.

### Events Across India

The main event was held in New Delhi, with 19 parallel events taking place in cities such as Thiruvananthapuram, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Ranchi, Rajkot, Patna, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Guwahati, Bhopal, Panchkula, Raipur, Vishakhapatnam, Pune, Bhubaneswar, Jaipur and Lucknow. The theme for this year was "Accreditation: Empowering Tomorrow and Shaping the Future," reflecting the pivotal role accreditation plays in enhancing standards and fostering innovation.



### Inaugural Session

The inaugural session in Delhi was graced by eminent dignitaries from different government and private sectors such as Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade and All India Institute of Medical Sciences who shared their insights on the significance of accreditation in ensuring high standards and quality. More than 300 participants from various stakeholder groups attended the event in person, while over 150 participants joined virtually, marking a significant engagement from across the industry.



### WAD 2024 Joint Message:

The joint message from the IAF-ILAC chair was delivered, emphasizing how accreditation provides a framework of trust and reliability, enabling organizations to confidently embrace new technologies and drive innovation. The message underlined the role of accredited conformity assessment in confirming that new products and processes meet rigorous requirements, facilitating their adoption and integration into existing systems. It also highlighted the importance of testing and inspection in product safety and regulatory compliance, as well as data protection and cybersecurity schemes in helping businesses guard against cyberattacks and safeguard customer privacy.



### Technical Session

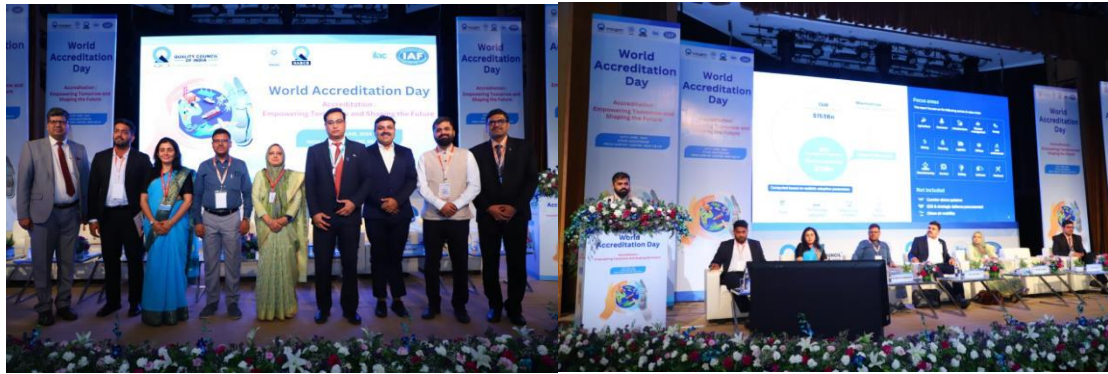
In the technical session, panelists from prominent organizations such as Bureau of Indian Standards (National Standard Body), ICMR, Carbon Check, IARI, TUV SUD South Asia, Drone Federation of India, and IRCLASS highlighted the critical role of standards as the threads that weave excellence into every aspect of industry practice.

Key points discussed included



**Standards and Excellence:** Panelists emphasized that adherence to standards ensures consistency, quality, and reliability in industry practices in relevant fields from medical devices, drones and sustainability.

**Accreditation as a Seal of Trust:** The importance of accreditation was underscored as a mark of trust that validates an organization's commitment to maintaining high standards. This fosters confidence among stakeholders and consumers, ensuring that products and services meet rigorous quality benchmarks.



**Innovation and Technology:** The role of accreditation in enabling the adoption and integration of new technologies into existing systems was highlighted, showcasing how accredited conformity assessments help organizations navigate the complexities of innovation.



### Networking and Engagement

The event provided an excellent opportunity for networking among participants. Mementos and gifts were distributed to mark World Accreditation Day 2024. A lunch session was organized, allowing attendees to interact and discuss various topics related to accreditation and quality standards.



## Conclusion

World Accreditation Day 2024 was a resounding success, bringing together stakeholders from across the industry to celebrate and recognize the importance of accreditation. The events highlighted how accreditation empowers organizations to achieve excellence and fosters innovation, ultimately shaping a better future. Through these efforts, NABCB and NABL continue to play a vital role in promoting high standards and quality across various sectors, driving positive change and building trust in the global marketplace.



WAD Mumbai Event



WAD Chennai Event