

# 33 participants from 17 countries participated in 'Competence of Laboratories and their Management Systems' training programme of Bureau of India Standards

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Thirty three participants from 17 countries, mainly from African, Caribbean and Asian regions, attended the 13<sup>th</sup> International Training Programme on 'Competence of Laboratories and their Management Systems' organized by the National Institute of Training for Standardization (NITS), the training wing of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

The 3-week training programme was held at NITS Campus at Noida. During the training programme the participants were apprised of 'ISO/IEC – 17025:2017 General requirements for the competence of testing and Calibration laboratories and Resource requirements' along with the requirements of Proficiency Testing, Risk Management, Legal Metrology, Calibration, Measurement Uncertainty and Good Laboratory Practices etc.; and are also provided the practical exposure through visits to laboratories.

NITS is considered as the premier Institute imparting training on various facets of Standardization and Conformity assessment. The institute has been organising international training programmes on standardization and quality assurance for the developing countries of Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America every year since 1968 under the ITEC programme of the Ministry of External affairs, Government of India.

Training programmes on Management Systems and Laboratory Quality Management Systems are also being conducted by BIS through NITS since 2004 and 2011 respectively.

The 53rd international training programme on Standardization and Conformity assessment, organized from 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 to 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2022, also witnessed participation from 14 countries.

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