

India Hosts ISO International Subcommittee Meetings on 'Space Systems and Operations' for the First Time

Bureau of Indian Standards Brings Together International Experts to Shape Future of Space Safety, Operations and Sustainability

131 international delegates from 13 countries participated in the event.

Focus on Standards for Entire lifecycle of Space Systems including Mission Safety, Interoperability and Debris mitigation

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Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), the National Standards Body of India, organised the 35th Plenary and Working Groups meetings of the ISO TC 20 / SC 14 'Space Systems and Operations' subcommittee of International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) at New Delhi.



Speaking at the Opening Plenary at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, **Ms. Nidhi Khare**, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India, highlighted the importance of **global collaboration in advancing standards** and India's growing role in **shaping the international space standards ecosystem**. She said - "It is a matter of immense pride for India to host this meeting as we stand at the forefront of global space transformation. Through significant reforms and the **creation of IN-SPACe**, the Government of **India has laid the foundation for an emerging space hub** where startups and established industries alike can thrive. Standards developed by such global collaboration and expertise will help in making space safe, sustainable and inclusive for humanity.



On this occasion, Sanjay Garg, Director General, Bureau of Indian Standards, highlighted the important role of standardisation in ensuring quality, safety, and global competitiveness in India's growing space sector. He said that BIS is **working to align Indian standards with international frameworks** to support the changing needs of the space industry. Emphasising the rapid transformation of India's space sector, he noted that BIS standards are helping the private sector become globally competitive. He also said that hosting the meeting in India is important because it gives Indian experts an opportunity to directly participate in the standardisation process, thereby strengthening both the national ecosystem and global standardisation efforts.

Dr. Pawan Goenka (Chairman, IN-SPACe) underscored the transformative growth of India's space ecosystem, driven by **policy reforms and private sector participation**, and stressed the importance of robust standards in enabling innovation, fostering industry confidence, and facilitating India's integration into the global space economy.

The event witnessed **participation of 131 international delegates from 13 countries representing** National Standards Bodies, experts from International Space Agencies including ISRO from India, Space Industry, and Academia.



The Inaugural Session was graced by Ms. Nidhi Khare, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Govt. of India; Shri Sanjay Garg, Director General, BIS; Dr. Pawan Goenka (Chairman, IN-SPACe); Ms. Reena Garg, Deputy Director General (Standardisation), BIS; Mr. Frederick Slane (Chairperson, ISO TC 20 / SC 14) and Mr. Rajeev Jyoti (Chairperson, National Mirror Committee BIS TED 14 on Air and Space Vehicles).

ISO/TC 20/SC 14 develops international standards for the entire lifecycle of space systems from design and production to launch, operations, and space-based services, ensuring safety, interoperability, and sustainability in global space activities. India hosting this key international meeting highlights its rising position in the global space sector, driven by the achievements of ISRO and growing private sector participation enabled through reforms under IN-SPACe. **The meeting also reflects India's active role in shaping global standards in emerging areas such as space sustainability, debris mitigation, and mission operations.**

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