World Standards Day 2026 (14 October)

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News

14 October is World Standards Day. The 2026 theme (IEC, ISO, ITU) is 'Shared vision for a better world: Spotlight on SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy'. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) holds awareness events across the country – e.g. a 'Quality Walk' at Faridabad (9 Oct).

Key facts

Date	14 Oct – World Standards Day (since 1970)
2026 theme	Shared vision for a better world: Spotlight on SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy
Why 14 Oct	14 Oct 1946 – delegates of 25 countries met in London to create an international standards body; ISO was formed in 1947 (HQ Geneva)
Organisers	IEC (1906), ISO (1947), ITU (1865)
India	Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) – Ministry of Consumer Affairs

Background

- BIS: earlier the Indian Standards Institution (ISI, 1947); working from 1 Apr 1987 under the BIS Act 1986; now governed by the BIS Act 2016. HQ – Manak Bhavan, New Delhi. Industrial products carry the 'ISI' mark.

- Quality marks: BIS 'Hallmark' for gold jewellery (with a HUID number); 'Agmark' for farm produce (1937 Act); FSSAI for food; 'Jaivik Bharat' for organic food.
- SDG 7 – affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all (UN 2030 Agenda – 17 goals, 2015).

Tamil Nadu link: BIS's Southern Regional Office is in Chennai, with a branch office at Coimbatore. BIS has held World Standards Day events at Coimbatore and Villupuram in earlier years. Tamil Nadu is a leader in wind power – relevant to SDG 7.

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