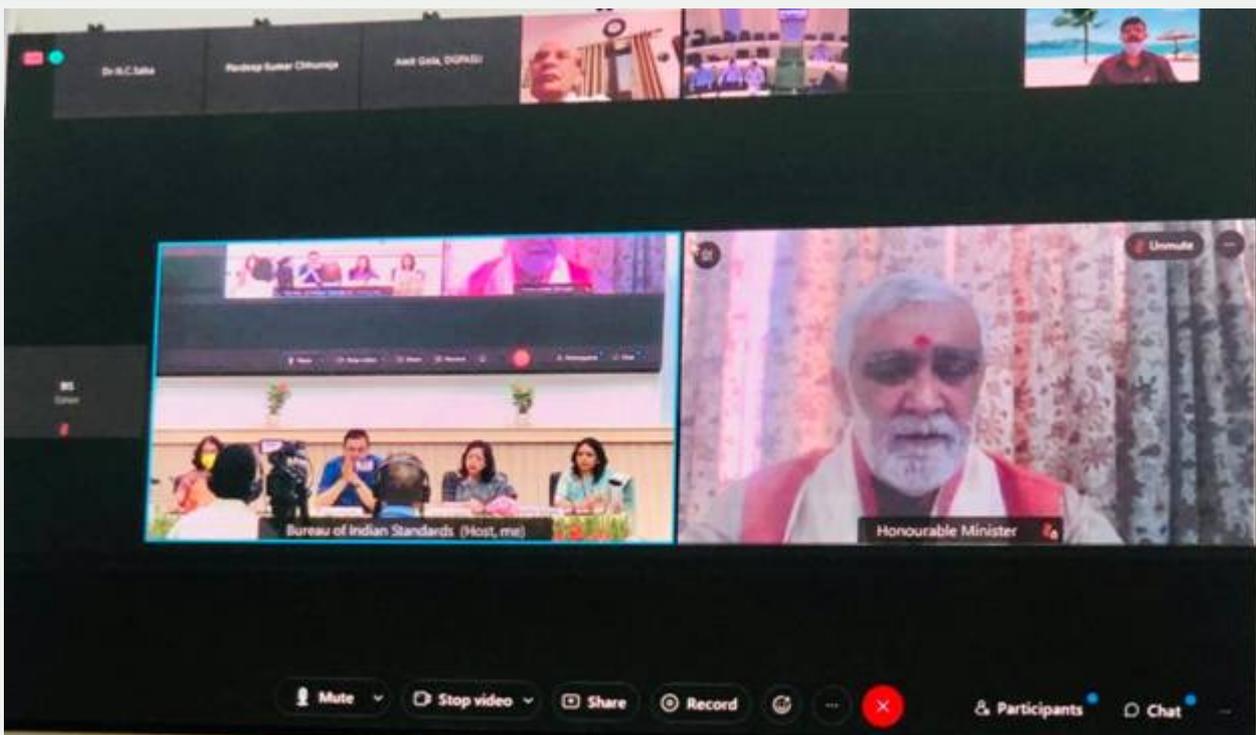


BIS CELEBRATES WORLD STANDARDS DAY

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In his welcome address, Shri Pramod Kumar Tiwari, Director General, BIS highlighted the recent initiatives taken by BIS for strengthening the standardization process and the importance of standards in national economy. He spoke on how BIS is striving to formulate need-based standards taking into consideration the needs of consumers, making sure they get efficient and reliable goods and promote responsible supply chains in pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals.



SmtMamtaUpadhyayaLal, Additional Director General informed about the programmes being held by the various regional & branch offices of BIS all over India. They included workshops with consumer groups, state government departments and manufacturers, competitions at schools and colleges and seminars on the topics relevant to the theme. She also informed that BIS has undertaken a series of innovative activities (i.e. 75 activities for 75 weeks), being held every week under the 'AazadikaAmrit Mahotsava-India@75', to showcase its achievements and also commemorate 75 years of existence of BIS. These activities include theme-based seminars; Standards Club Activities in schools/ colleges across India through its Branch Offices; Industry meet with focus on collective journey from Independence to Atmanirbhar in Quality, at its

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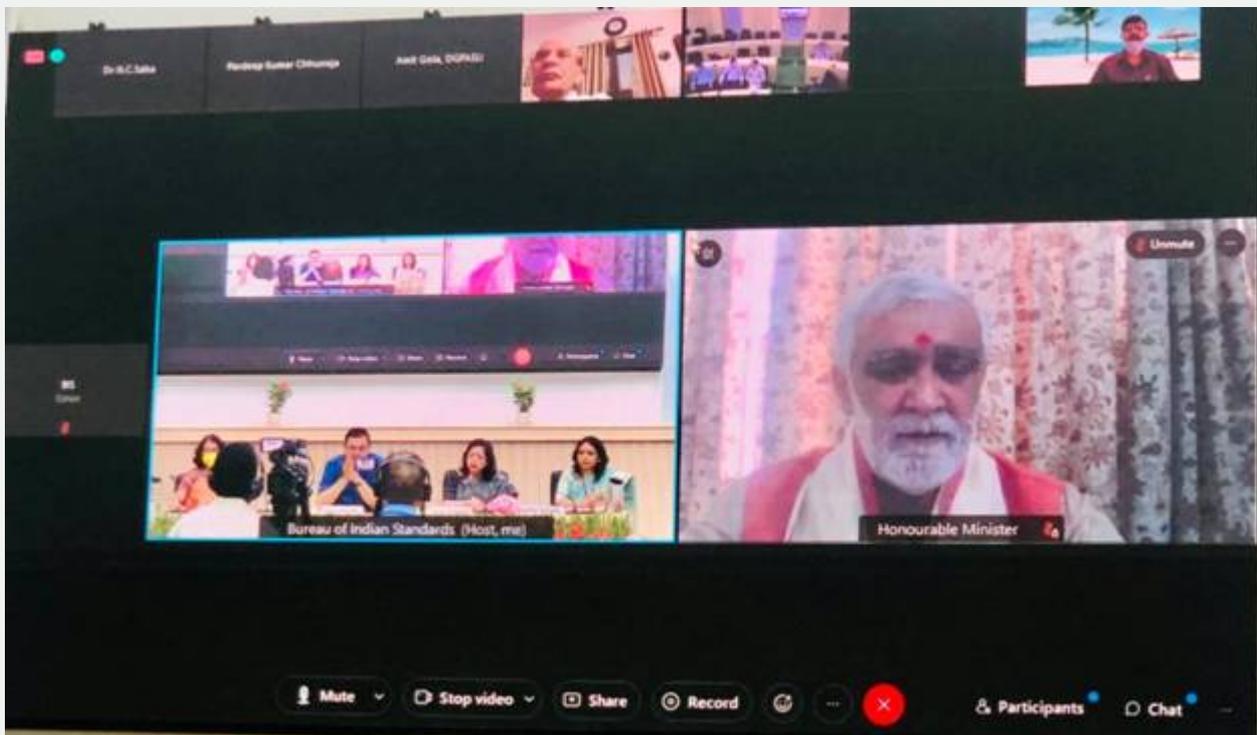
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