

Bureau of Indian Standards

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Recently, the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has published a number of standards for medical assistive technologies as a part of the NLEAP (National List of Essential Assistive Products) initiative.

About Bureau of Indian Standards

- It is the national standard body of India established **under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act 2016**.
- **Objective:** It was established for the **harmonious development of the activities of standardization, marking, and quality certification of goods and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto**.
 - It is the **successor of the Indian Standards Institution (ISI)**, which was created in 1947.
- BIS represents **India in International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)**.
- **Nodal Ministry:** It is functioning under the administrative control of **the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution**.

- **Headquarter:** It is **headquartered in New Delhi** and maintains regional and branch offices throughout the country.

Functions of Bureau of Indian Standards

- BIS has been **providing traceability and tangibility** benefits to the national economy in a number of ways by
 - Providing safe, reliable quality goods;
 - Minimizing health hazards to consumers;
 - Promoting exports and imports substitute; control over proliferation of varieties etc. through standardization, certification, and testing.
- It operates **product certification schemes** through which it grants licenses to manufacturers covering practically every industrial discipline, from agriculture and textiles to electronics.

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