

IEC TO BE INAUGURATED

The 77th General Assembly of International Electrotechnical Commission, popularly known as IEC is commencing from Monday, 21 October 2013 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. The Opening Ceremony will be inaugurated by Prof. K V Thomas, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (independent charge).

IEC is the global organization that publishes international standards for the majority of the electrical and electronic components, devices and systems used in homes, in offices, health care facilities, factories, public places both in developed and developing countries around the world. IEC is also key partner for all players of energy sector providing most of the international standards for power generation, transmission and distribution including for smart grid and smart cities. IEC is represented by 164 countries. Bureau of Indian Standards represents India in the IEC and is a Participating Member of 66 IEC technical committees. It has Observer Member status in 85 technical committees.

During the general assembly various policy making bodies of IEC like standard management and will deliberate on the issues related to International Standards and decide about future strategy and directions for standards development in electrotechnology.

An Open session with the theme Challenges to Power Quality is also part of the general assembly which will have 5 eminent speakers from across the world including two from India who will deliberate on the issue of power quality, challenges in India. The hosting of IEC General Assembly will help India in creating increased awareness about international standards in Electrotechnology and increase our participation in standards development process of IEC. The general assembly is jointly hosted by Bureau of Indian Standards, Indian Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers Association (IEEMA), Central Power Research Institute (CPRI) and IEEE Standards Association, ELCOMA and other industries.

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