

Background of the programme

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Govt. of India and the National Standards Body is engaged in Standardization, Product Certification, Laboratory Services, Management Systems Certification, Hallmarking, etc. Under its Standardization activity, it is involved in formulation of National Standards in diverse areas of technology and economy.

Under its number of recent initiatives, BIS has taken up standardization in the field of Smart Cities at National Level and is also participating and leading the standards development in this area at international level. It is worth mentioning that Agartala had been selected as one of the 100 Smart Cities under the Smart City Mission of Govt. of India.

In order to disseminate information about the ongoing work in the area of Smart Cities and to obtain feedback from the stakeholders towards development of comprehensive network of standards in this area, BIS proposes to hold a **National Seminar on “Smart and Sustainable City Infrastructure” on Thursday, 29 November 2018 in the Visvesvaraya Auditorium, National Institute of Technology Agartala.** This is intended to be a national event with the participation of around 300 delegates. The speakers would be experts drawn from the concerned technical committee of BIS as well as from the state of Tripura. The above conference in Agartala is a precursor and curtain raiser to the International Conference being subsequently organized by BIS in Varanasi in December 2018.