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Why in News?

Shri Pralhad Joshi, the Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New & Renewable Energy lead the **World Standards Day** programme on 14th October 2025.

- The event was organized by the **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)**, under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India.

Key Points

- **About:** The celebration at the National Institute of Training for Standardization (NITS) featured the release of the **National Lighting Code of India 2025**, along with the launch of the **Learning Management System (LMS)** and the **Online Standards Development (OSD) Module** on the **BIS** Standards Portal.
- **World Standards Day:**
  - **About:** The first World Standards Day was first celebrated in **1970** to raise global awareness about the importance of standards in fostering safety, quality, and international trade.
    - The day was established by **International Organization for Standardization(ISO)**, in collaboration with **International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)** and **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)**, to honor the global community of standard developers and their contributions.
  - **Purpose:** World Standards Day celebrates the pivotal role of standards in ensuring **quality**, **safety**, and **sustainability**. It recognizes the collaborative efforts of experts—scientists, engineers, policymakers, and innovators—who work to create these frameworks.
  - **Theme: The 2025 theme, "A Shared Vision for a Better World: Standards for Sustainable Development Goals"** emphasises the role of international standards in promoting global cooperation towards achieving the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

- BIS is the **statutory national standard body** of India established under the **BIS Act, 2016,** for the **harmonious development** of the activities of **standardisation, marking and quality certification** of goods.
  - It was initially set up as the **Indian Standards Institution (ISI)** that came into being on **6th January 1947.**
- It is headquartered in **New Delhi.**
- It operates various schemes like **Product Certification (ISI mark), Hallmarking** of Gold and Silver Jewellers, **ECO Mark Scheme** (for labelling of environment friendly products).