



New Energy Performance Standards for Air Conditioners

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Why in News

The Central Government in consultation with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) has notified new energy performance standards for Room Air Conditioner (RACs).

The 24°C default setting has been made mandatory from 1st January, 2020 for all room air conditioners covered under the ambit of BEE star-labelling program.

BEE launched the voluntary star labelling program for fixed-speed room air conditioners (RACs) in 2006, and this program became mandatory on 12th January 2009. Thereafter, in 2015, voluntary star labelling program for inverter room air conditioners was launched and was made mandatory with effect from 1st January 2018.

Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)

- BEE is a statutory body under the **Ministry of Power**, Government of India.
- It assists in developing policies and strategies with the primary objective of reducing the energy intensity of the Indian economy.
- BEE coordinates with designated consumers, designated agencies, and other organizations to identify and utilize the existing resources and infrastructure, in performing the functions assigned to it under the energy conservation act.

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