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International Seed Testing Association

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The 32nd **International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) Congress** is taking place in Hyderabad from 26th June to 3rd July, 2019. This is the **first congress** that is being held in **Asia**.

- ITSA was founded in the year **1924** with the aim to develop and publish standard procedures in the field of seed testing.
- It produces internationally agreed rules for seed sampling and testing, **accredits laboratories**, promotes research, **provides international seed analysis certificates** and training, and disseminates knowledge in seed science and technology.
- ISTA **members are over 85 countries**/distinct economies worldwide and they work together to achieve their vision of 'Uniformity in seed quality evaluation worldwide'. This facilitates seed trading nationally and internationally, and also contributes to food security.
- The **headquarters** of the Association is located in **Switzerland**.

Note

- **National Seed Research and Training Centre (NSRTC), Varanasi** is the apex centre in India to maintain uniformity in seed testing results at national level.
- The **Central Seed Testing Laboratory (CSTL)**, under the centre, is a member laboratory of International Seed Testing Association (ISTA).