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# National Council for Cement and Building Materials

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**Why is in news?** National Council for Cement and Building Materials (NCB) to organize 17th International Conference on Cement, Concrete and Building Materials

National Council for Cement and Building Materials (NCB), a **premier R&D institute under Administrative Control Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, is organizing 17th International Conference on Cement, Concrete and Building Materials.

This year's theme of the conference is "**Moving towards Net Zero Carbon Emission**".

The biennial event is being organized this year from **6-9 December, 2022** at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.

These conferences have emerged as a **single largest event** in this part of the globe, in which the cement and construction industry all over the world look forward to participation.

During this conference, the Government of India will be presenting the National Awards for Energy Efficiency, Environmental Excellence, Circular Economy and Total Quality Excellence in Indian Cement Industry.

## National Council for Cement and Building Materials:

National Council for Cement and Building Materials (NCB), then Cement Research Institute of India (CRI) was founded on **24th December 1962**.

**Objective:** to promote research and scientific work connected with cement and building materials trade and industry.

Today, NCB is the **premier body** under the administrative control of Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India, for technology development, transfer, continuing education and industrial services for cement and construction industries.

Geographically, NCB has its corporate centre and main laboratories located at Ballabgarh (near New Delhi); another well established regional centre at Hyderabad and a Centres at Ahmedabad (Gujarat) & Bhubaneswar.

NCB's **areas of work** span over the entire spectrum of cement manufacturing and usage – starting with geological exploration of raw materials through the processes, the machinery, the manufacturing aspects, energy and environmental considerations to the final utilization of materials in actual construction, third party quality assurance services of construction projects, condition monitoring & rehabilitation of buildings and structures.

It serves as the **nodal agency** for providing the Government the necessary support for formulation of its policy and planning activities **related to growth and development of cement and construction industry**.

It is devoted to protect the interests of consumers of cement and concrete in the country.

NCB's stakeholders are Government, Industry and Society, who perceive NCB's role as discharging national responsibility, providing adequate technology support and improving the quality of life respectively.

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### **NCB's Mission:**

Research and development of innovative technologies, their transfer and implementation in partnership with cement and construction industries

To enhance quality, productivity and cost-effectiveness

To improve the management of materials, energy and environmental resources.

To develop competency and productivity in human resources.

To develop technologies for durable infrastructure and affordable housing