

Gaps & Demands in application & practices of construction chemicals at Indian construction sites

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# **CE & SpC domain in construction**

- Since 1930 more to address ease in construction and provide value addition to Construction industry
- 2. Mostly organic chemicals are used in all sectors of construction.
- 3. More than 1000 chemicals are used for various activities of construction





# **Chemicals in construction of structures**

#### Concrete

Concrete admixtures Protective coatings Surface treatments Grouts Flooring compounds Water proofing compounds Sealants Adhesives Foaming agents

### Soil & Rock

Lime based stabilizers Nano stabilizers Polymers, resins, hardners to seepage control <u>Geo nets, geo synthetics</u>

#### Bitumen

SBS Elvoloy (EVA) Etheylene butyl acrylate (EBA) Emulsions Anti stripping agent (amine and silicone based) Temp reducers sulphur

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### Rebar

Anti corrosive coatings Epoxy coating Corrosion inhibitor cement slurry coatings

## Other industrial products

paints Plaster of paris EPS Polymers Resins Fillers Tiles, ceramics,



## **Greater trends in construction – concrete & Steel**

- 1. No cement concrete
- 2. Self compacting concrete
- 3. Pumping concrete against gravity
- 4. Under water concrete
- 5. Pumping concrete to a greater height
- 6. Light weight concrete
- 7. Epoxy coatings
- 8. Galvanised coating











# **Greater trends in construction - Bitumen**

- 1. Rut & fatigue resistance mixes
- 2. Thermal heat conservative additives in bitumen heating
- 3. Cold mixes
- 4. Pot hole mixes



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# **Greater trends in construction – Soil & Rock**

- 1. Alternate to bentonite
- 2. Week soil/fissured rock improvement
- 3. Rehabilitation of foundations suffered under large settlements
- 4. Seepage in tunnels & rock masses
- 5. foundation structures exposed to Cl,  $SO_4$  etc.,





# **Construction environment**

## **Construction challenges are**

- 1. critical sites with poor accessibility
- 2. foundations are becoming complex
- 3. buildings are taller, larger and longer
- 4. Heavily reinforced sections
- 5. detailing with steel has become cumbersome

6.deleted resources of good raw materials of concrete



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# What is the life span of concrete structures? (Residential, Public, Infra structure Buildings)



Severely damaged RCC framed structure due to corrosion - A Medical Hostel building constructed with faulty concrete materials in 1984 - Distress with in 25 years



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## Major distress of construction due to faulty materials





Concrete block with severe cracking caused by DEF and testing of cores by thin section microscopy and residual expansion measurements







Thin section microscopy showing alkali-silica reactive aggregate and gel in air void

Scanning electron microscopy showing ettringite in paste, cracks and voids of concrete exposed to sea water



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# **Future trends**

### Concrete

Self cleaning admixtures & colour retension Self curing/healing Rhelogy modifers Shrinkage reducers ASR inhibitors Recycling process Bacterial concrete

## Soil & Rock foundations

Flyash ponds Slag dumps Reclaimed sites Coastal zones

## Bitumen

Rheology modifiers with fillers, Polymers Thermal heat eco additives Rejuvinators Cold mix Recycling process

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### **Other industrial products**

Nano paints Nano performance additives Extreme climate perfomance additives Seepage controllers Electrical conductivity inhibitors Vision improving chemicals



# SpC to stay focus on

Performance based materials

Eco friendly products  $-CO_2$  control (birth to expiry)

Robust QC/QA controls & training in application

Indian national brand popularisation

Thank you

