

Sustainable Infrastructure (SDG 9 and SDG11)



Recycling and Reuse of Construction & Demolition (C&D) Waste in Sustainable Construction

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Indian Scenario of C&D Waste



- ☐ Global annual C&D waste generation is about 2.1 billion tonnes (UNEP).
- ☐ India generates ~ 350 million tonnes of C&D wastes every year.

C & D Waste Generation

City wise Scenario

Source of waste	(kg/sqm)
Waste generated by new construction	40–60
CONSTRUCTION	
By demolition, renovation	300-500
By building repairs	40-50

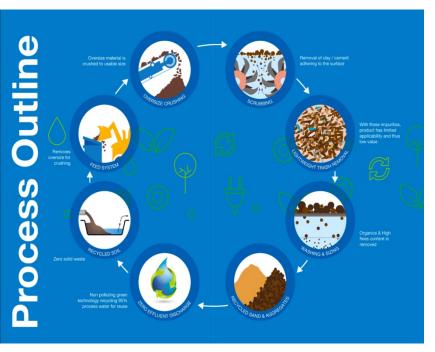


Major city	C&D wastes (tons/day)
Delhi	5000
Mumbai	3000
Chennai	2500
Kolkata	1600
Bangalore	875
Ahmedabad	700
Coimbatore	292

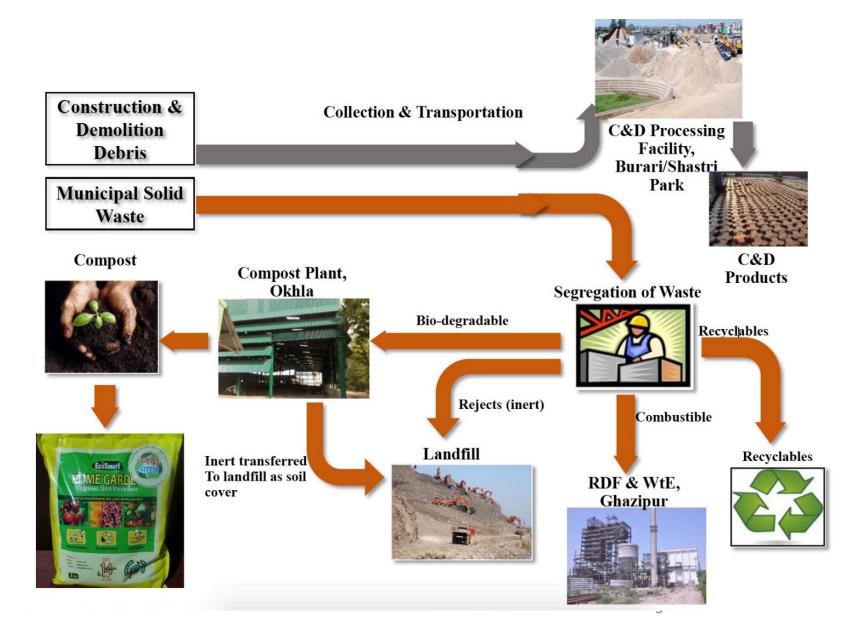


Processing of C&D Waste





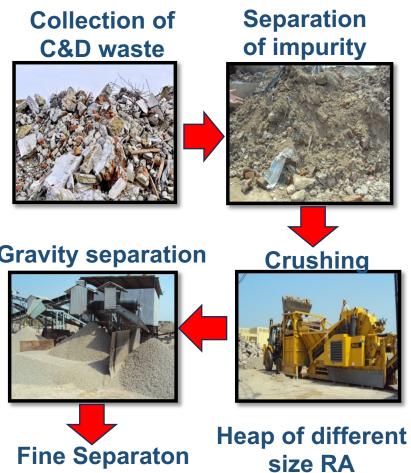






Characteristics of Recycled Aggregates

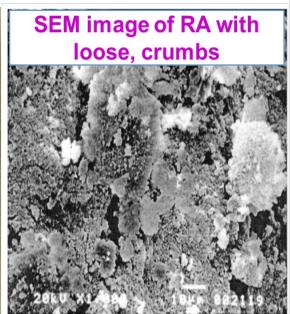


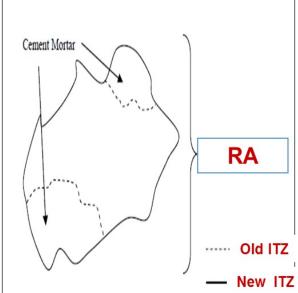


- Large amount of loosely adhered mortar
- Porous in nature
- High absorption tendency
- Weak interfacial transition zone (Two ITZs)
- Presence of cracks, pores and fissures
- Poor grading





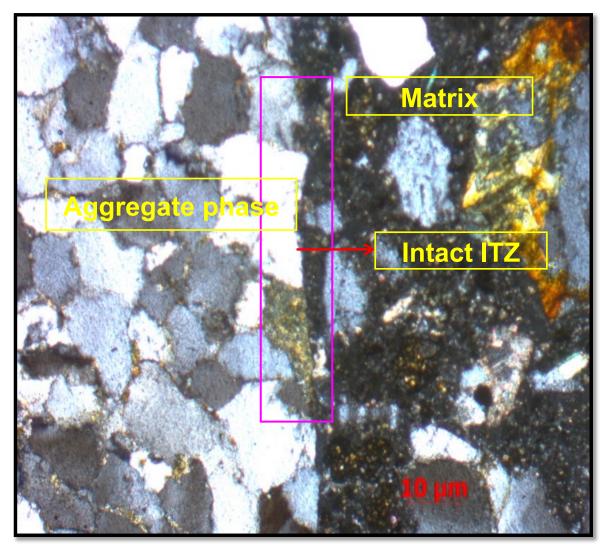


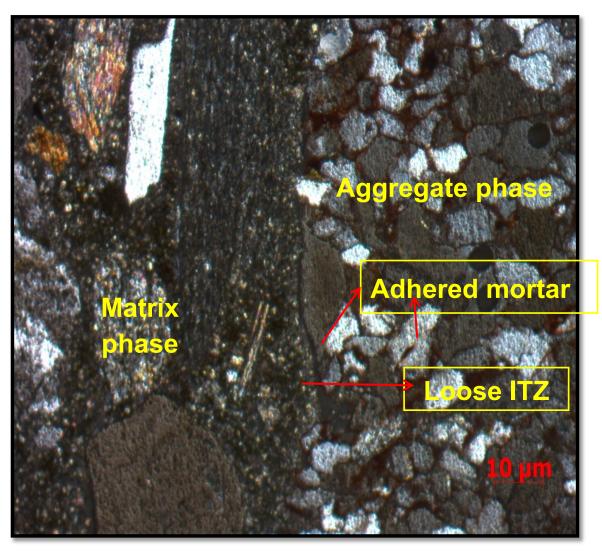




Processing of Recycled Aggregates







Natural Aggregate based Concrete

Recycled Aggregate Concrete

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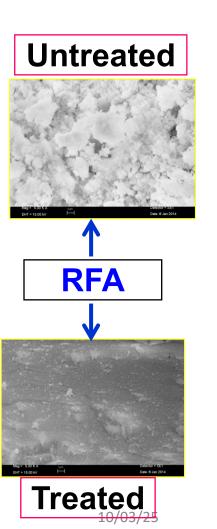


Processing of Recycled Aggregates



Processing of Recycled aggregate for removal of adhered mortar:

Abrasion, Heat Treatment, Micro-wave, chemical, thermo-chemical, mechano-chemical etc.



Thermo-Chemical Treatment Method:

Treated RCA (Pre-heating at 500°C with 0.7M)

Treated RFA (Pre-heating at 600°C with 0.4M)

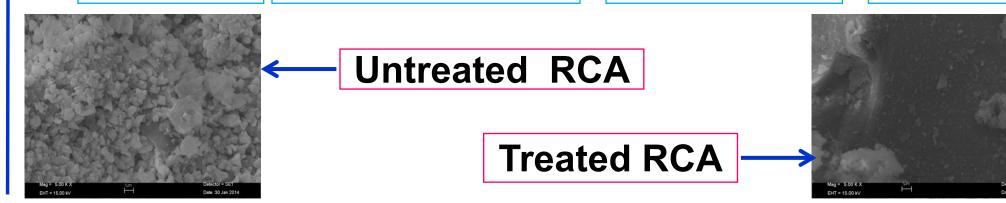


Soaking the RA in water

Heating RA at different temperature

Soaking the RA in HCL acid

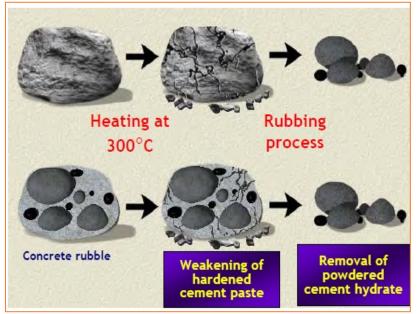
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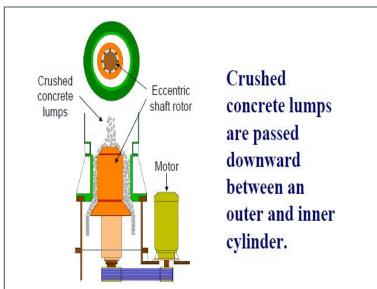


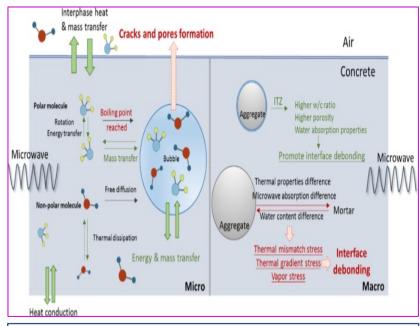


C&D Waste Processing









Heating and rubbing method

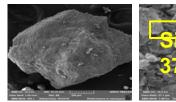
Eccentric shaft rotator

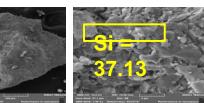
Microwave method





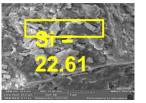








River Sand



Recycled fine sand



C&D Waste Generation & Utilisation























Demolition of Twin Tower Noida, NCR Delhi generated around 80,000 tonnes of C&D wastes for processing & utilisation



C&D Waste Building Products







C&D Waste based Products









: 200 mm X 160 mm X 75 mm > Size

> Method : Compaction

> Recycled Coarse Aggregate : 50 % (12.5 mm)

➤ Compressive Strength : 35 – 40 MPa

➤ Water Absorption : 3 – 4 %

➤ Abraison : 2.2 mm

➤ Meets requirements of IS : 15658 – 2006

: 150 mm X150 mm X 20 mm ✓ Size

✓ Method : Compaction

✓ Recycled Coarse Aggregate : 50 % (10 mm)

✓ Compressive strength✓ Water Absorption∴ 7.5 – 10 MPa∴ 6.0 %

✓ Meets requirements of IS : 1237 – 2012

: 190 mm x 90 mm x 90 mm Size

: Vibration-Compaction Method

Recycled Fine Aggregate: 50 % (3 - 4.75 mm)

Compressive strength : 8.0 – 9.0 MPa

Water Absorption : <10 %

Meets Requirement of IS: 1077 – 1992

PAVING BLOCKS

FLOORING TILES

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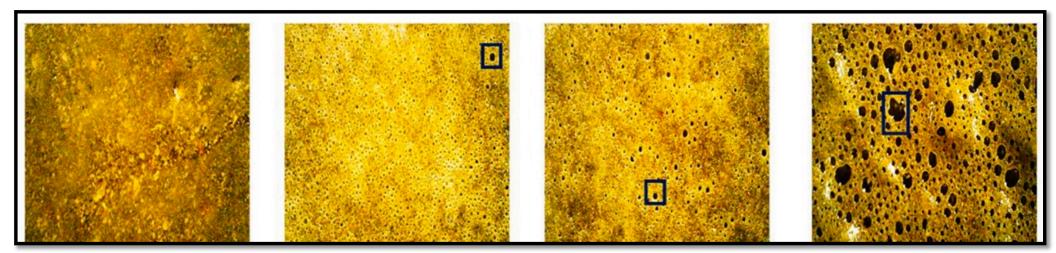
C&D Waste Aggregates based Products



- Methods proposed to quantify the amount of adhered mortar/cement paste to identify its quality
- ✓ C&D waste based light weight concrete and pervious concrete developed
- ✓ Flowable fill made with recycled fine particles developed



Pervious Concrete

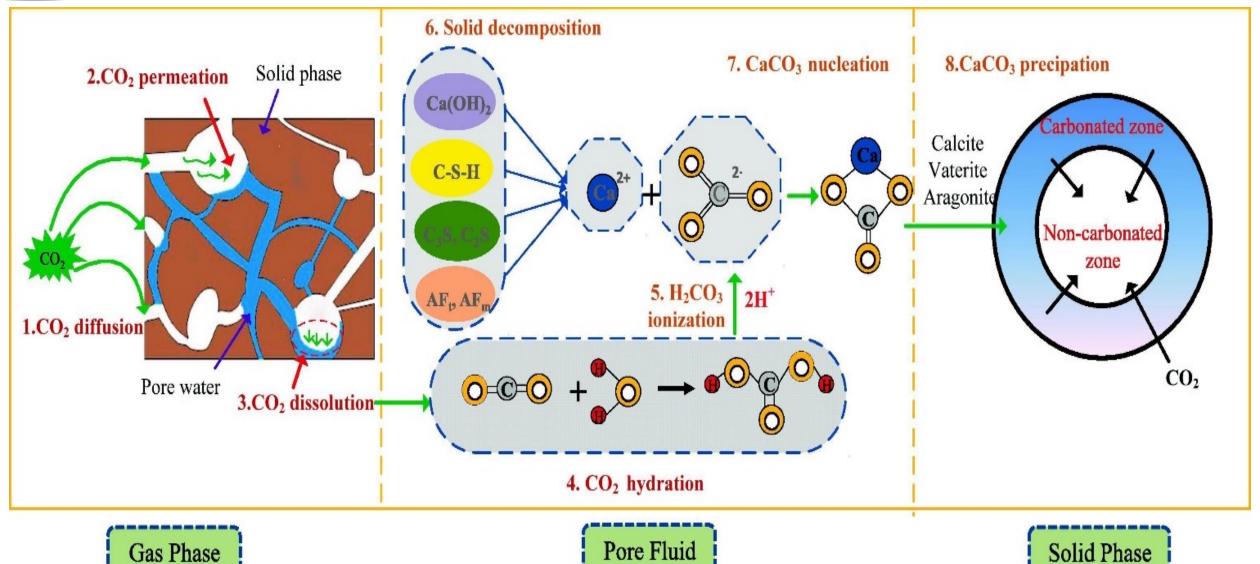


Micrograph of Recycled Materials based Cellular Light Weight Flowable Fill (RM-CLWF)



Valorisation of Recycled Aggregates





Carbonation treatment of Recycled Concrete Aggregate



Demonstration & Technology Transfer



☐ 20,000 Paver blocks casted using recycle aggregates and used in pavement at a mass housing site





Compressive strength: 35-40 MPa

Water absorption: 3-4 %

Abrasion: 2.2 mm

- 100% replacement of NA with RA
- Medium traffic purpose (as per IS:15658)
- ☐ A wall constructed using C&D waste blocks at Geothermal Building at a Mass Housing Site
- ☐ Process know how to develop paver blocks and other building components from construction and demolition waste" transferred to industries.





Industry Connect in India



- Industry Meet: 13.06.2024 at IHC, New Delhi.
- Interaction: Attended by 30 industry partners, 30 stockholders and 20 CSIR scientists.
- Aim: Address crucial aspects of sustainable construction practices and the effective utilization of C&D waste.
- Panel discussions: Discuss various dimensions of C&D waste management and sustainable utilisation.
- Outcome: A platform to converge, exchange knowledge, and a path towards sustainable C&D waste based construction.









International Collaborations



- SINTEF, Norway and CPWD for C&D Waste processing
- C-Flow (CDE Asia) collaboration for the research
- Controlled & Safe demolition collapsed Wangchu Bridge, Bhutan by CSIR









<mark>Damchu</mark> Side



HAA Side

