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About NABCB

The **National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB)**, a constituent Board of the Quality Council of India (QCI), plays a central role in strengthening India's quality infrastructure by ensuring that conformity assessment bodies operate with competence, impartiality, and global credibility. NABCB provides accreditation to certification bodies, inspection bodies, and validation & verification bodies, evaluating them through a rigorous process based on internationally accepted standards and guidelines. These assessments include documentation review, on-site assessments, and ongoing surveillance to ensure independence and reliability.

NABCB's work directly contributes to enhancing trust in certified products, processes, and services, supporting regulators, industries, and consumers across various sectors. Its accreditation programs align with global best practices, enabling accredited bodies to demonstrate consistent performance and technical competence in the services they deliver.

Global Recognition Through MLAs/MRAs

NABCB is a signatory to multiple Multilateral and Mutual Recognition Arrangements under Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated [earlier to International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)] and APAC. These agreements:

- Enable international acceptance of certificates and reports issued by NABCB-Accredited bodies,
- Reduce the need for repeat inspection or certification abroad,
- Support Indian exporters by reducing technical barriers to trade, and
- Enhance global confidence in India's conformity assessment outcomes.

NABCB's International Engagements

NABCB represents India at major global Accreditation forums, including:

- Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated [earlier to International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)].
- Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC)

Participation in these bodies allows NABCB to:

- Contribute to global policy discussions,
- Stay aligned with evolving international standards, and
- Strengthen India's presence within the global quality ecosystem.

NABCB Accreditation Schemes

NABCB offers Accreditation under a wide portfolio of schemes, including:

Management Systems (ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015)

- ~ Quality Management Systems (ISO 9001)
 - QMS for Medical Devices (ISO 13485)
 - Educational Organizations Management Systems (ISO 21001)
 - Primary Packaging Materials (ISO 15378)
 - Indian Certification of Medical Devices (ICMED)
- ~ FSSC 24000- Social Sustainability Management
- ~ Environmental Management Systems (ISO 14001)
 - Sustainable Electronics Recycling International (SERI)- R2 Standards
- ~ Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems (ISO 45001)
- ~ Food Safety Management Systems (ISO 22000)
 - FSSC 22000
 - FAMI - QS
- ~ Energy Management Systems (ISO 50001)
- ~ Information Security Management Systems (ISO/IEC 27001)
- ~ Privacy Information Management Systems (ISO/IEC 27701)
- ~ Information Technology Service Management Systems (ISO/IEC 20000-1)
- ~ Road Traffic Safety Management Systems (ISO 39001)
- ~ Trustworthy Digital Repository Management Systems (ISO 16363)
- ~ Business Continuity Management Systems (ISO 22301)
- ~ Anti-Bribery Management Systems (ISO 37001)
- ~ Asset Management Systems (ISO 55001)

- ~ Facility Management System (ISO 41001)
- ~ Aerospace Quality Management System (AS 9100 series of standards)
- ~ Artificial Intelligence Management System (ISO/IEC 42001)

Inspection (ISO/IEC 17020:2012)

Personnel Certification (ISO/IEC 17024:2012)

Product Certification (ISO/IEC 17065:2012)

- GlobalG.A.P.
- ISCC CORSIA for SAF
- Brand Reputation through Compliance Global Standards (BRCGS)
- National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP)
- IRF Trusted Mark
- Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP)
- PEFC-CoC Certification Scheme
- Global Organic Textile Standard
- ISA Secure Scheme
- NCCF Trees outside Forest (ToF)
- NCCF Forest Management (FM)
- QCI Voluntary Certification Schemes
- Better Cotton Initiative (BCI)

Validation and Verification (ISO/IEC 17029:2019)

- Greenhouse Gases (ISO 14065)
- Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS)
- ICAO CORSIA
- Verified Carbon Standard (VCS)

Assessor Training & Awareness Programme on EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) Regulations

National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) organized an Assessors' Training & Awareness Programme on the European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) on 09–10 April 2026, aimed at strengthening preparedness for emerging climate-related trade regulations.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Mr. Venkateswaran N., CEO, NABCB, and was graced by the august presence of Mr. Darpan Jain, IAS, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce (DoC), Government of India. Addressing the participants, Mr. Jain emphasized the importance of readiness among Indian industries and conformity assessment systems to align with EU CBAM regulations, highlighting NABCB's crucial role in accrediting verification bodies to support compliance and facilitate trade with the European Union.



The training delivered a comprehensive overview of the EU CBAM framework, including Regulation (EU) 2023/956 and associated CBAM requirements, covering regulatory provisions, verification and accreditation expectations, emissions calculation methodologies, monitoring and reporting obligations. The sessions also included practical case studies and technical discussions to strengthen implementation understanding.

The programme aimed to enhance assessor competence and promote a harmonized understanding of CBAM requirements, reinforcing NABCB’s commitment to supporting stakeholders in adapting to emerging climate change-related regulations and international trade expectations.

NABCB expressed its appreciation to Dr. K. M. Iyer, the trainer for the programme, for sharing his expertise. He was felicitated by the NABCB team, including Mr. Ajay Sharma and Mr. Anand Deep Gupta, Joint Directors.



NABCB at Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (Global ACI) Mid-Term Meeting

The National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) participated in the Mid-Term Meeting of Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (Global ACI) held in Prague, Czech Republic, from 20–26 April 2026.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Venkateswaran N., CEO, NABCB, along with Mr. Ajay Sharma and Mr. Anand Deep Gupta, Joint Directors, who represented NABCB at this important global forum.

Bringing together accreditation bodies and key stakeholders from across the world, the meeting served as a key platform to strengthen collaboration, enhance consistency, and reinforce trust in conformity assessment systems. NABCB actively contributed to discussions on the alignment of accreditation practices, strengthening global recognition arrangements, and the transition towards the unified Global ACI framework.

This milestone meeting, following the unification of the former International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) under Global ACI, reflected a collective commitment to building a more integrated, efficient, and credible global accreditation ecosystem.

During the meeting, NABCB also engaged in several bilateral discussions with accreditation bodies and scheme owners to strengthen cooperation, exchange technical insights, and advance confidence in accredited conformity assessment.



NABCB Bilateral Engagements at Global ACI Mid-Term Meeting

Foundation FSSC

NABCB engaged with the FSSC Foundation to discuss developments in FSSC 22000 and FSSC 24000, certification integrity, and strengthening confidence in accredited certification under FSSC schemes.

SWEDAC (Swedish Board for Accreditation and Conformity Assessment)

NABCB held discussions with SWEDAC on emerging regulatory challenges, alignment of accreditation approaches, and EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) regulations, particularly concerning accreditation and verification frameworks.

Czech Accreditation Institute (CAI)

NABCB and CAI exchanged technical and operational insights while exploring opportunities to strengthen cooperation and future engagement in accreditation and conformity assessment.

Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS)

NABCB met with KENAS to share best practices in accreditation, strengthen mutual understanding of technical frameworks, and explore avenues for continued collaboration.

ISCC CORSIA

NABCB engaged with ISCC CORSIA on sustainable aviation fuel certification, robust certification practices, and the evolving implementation of Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) requirements.



NABCB Policy on Transition of Artificial Intelligence Management System (AIMS)

The publication of ISO/IEC 42006:2025 – Requirements for Bodies Providing Audit and Certification of Artificial Intelligence Management Systems in July 2025 marks a significant milestone in strengthening requirements for certification bodies conducting audits and certification of Artificial Intelligence Management Systems (AIMS). NABCB has rolled out the transition policy.

As per transition policy NABCB applicant and accredited certification bodies for Artificial Intelligence Management Systems (AIMS) shall adopt ISO/IEC 42006:2025 as part of the accreditation criteria. Assessments shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of ISO/IEC 42006:2025, along with ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and other applicable standards for bodies providing audit and certification of AIMS.

NABCB will evaluate the operations and planning of accredited/applicant certification bodies to ensure that all transitions are completed by 31 July 2027.

You may find NABCB Document Review Checklist based on ISO/IEC 42006:2025 on NABCB website.

Please visit website for:

[NABCB Policy on Transition to ISO/IEC 42006:2025 \(AIMS\)](#)

[NABCB F 456 – Checklist for Document Review Report for AIMS – April 2026](#)

NABCB Participated in APAC Training on ISO/IEC 17020:2026

The National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies participated in APAC Training on ISO/IEC 17020:2026. NABCB was represented by Mr. Mohit Goswami, Accreditation Officer, at the 3-day APAC training course hosted by the Accreditation Office for Standards Conformity Assessment Capacity (AOSC), Viet Nam, in Nha Trang, Viet Nam.

The training programme focused on the implementation and application of ISO/IEC 17020:2026 – Conformity Assessment – Requirements for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection, which forms the basis for accreditation of inspection bodies. The course also covered relevant international requirements and guidance documents, including ILAC P8:11/2023 and ILAC P15:05/2020, helping participants strengthen their understanding of inspection body accreditation practices in line with global expectations.

The programme brought together assessors, accreditation managers, and scheme developers from APAC member economies, providing a valuable platform for technical learning, knowledge exchange, and discussions on harmonized implementation of revised inspection body accreditation requirements.

NABCB's participation in this international training reflects its continued commitment to strengthening technical competence, enhancing accreditation practices, and remaining aligned with evolving global standards and international best practices in conformity assessment.



NABCB Participated in IAQG Meeting

NABCB was represented by Mr. Gobikrishnan R, Assistant Director (NABCB) in the IAQG April Meeting week & 59th General Assembly conducted between 20-23 April 2026 at Lisbon, Portugal.

Some of the notable updates of the AQMS Scheme are:

- IAQG introduced Single Global Auditor Authentication Body (AAB), to ensure consistent application of the requirements globally and simplify the application process and reauthentication process for auditors. Moving to the new AAB is voluntary, but no other authentication will be recognised.
- The publication of the revised ISO 9001 is expected in 2026. So, transition to the full revisions of IA 9100/9110/9120 will be planned to align to the transition to the revised ISO 9001 after that.
- Resolution 171 was revised during the meeting to clarify the intent that the requirement for provision of NCRs in OASIS at a site closing meeting and commence the timeline for return to conformity. The revision was published on 21st April.



Mr. Gobikrishnan R, Assistant Director (NABCB) attended IAQG April Meeting week

New Accreditations Granted in Apr 2026

S. NO	NAME OF THE CAB	SCHEME
1.	Carbon Check India Private Limited	Product Certification Body
2.	International Certification Services Pvt. Ltd.	Information Security Management System
3.	Excel Surveyors Private Limited	Inspection Body
4.	Ecocert India Private Limited	Product Certification Body
5.	Pravahani Assessors Pvt Ltd	Inspection Body
6.	Essentieel Analytical Lab Private Limited	Inspection Body
7.	Bureau Veritas (India) Pvt Ltd	Artificial Intelligence Management System

Guidance To Use NABCB Accreditation Symbol and ILAC MRA Mark/ IAF MLA Mark

BCB 202, Feb 2023 Specifies the Conditions for Use of NABCB Accreditation Symbol and Other Claims of Accreditation, IAF MLA Mark and ILAC MRA Mark

The NABCB Accreditation Symbol represents credibility, competence, and international alignment. It comprises the NABCB symbol along with the unique accreditation number assigned to each accredited Conformity Assessment Body (CAB). The approved design specifications, including proportions, colour schemes, and usage format, are detailed in Appendix A (NABCB Symbol) and Appendix B (combined NABCB–IAF MLA / ILAC MRA Mark).

Accredited CABs, where permitted, may also use the Combined IAF MLA Mark (for certification and validation/verification bodies) or the ILAC MRA Mark (for inspection bodies). Use of these international marks shall comply with IAF ML 2 and ILAC R7 requirements and is subject to a formal agreement with NABCB, ensuring correct representation and alignment with international accreditation frameworks.

NABCB LOGO



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NABCB SYMBOL



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Who can Use the NABCB Accreditation Symbol:

MARK/SYMBOL	NABCB	NABCB- Accredited CABs	Client Organizations of Accredited CABs
NABCB Logo	✓ Permitted	✗ Not Permitted	✗ Not Permitted
NABCB Accreditation Symbol	✓ Permitted	✓ Permitted (with accreditation number and CAB logo)	✓ Permitted only if authorized and under CAB control
Combined IAF MLA / ILAC MRA Marks	✓ Permitted	✓ Permitted (as applicable and under agreement)	✗ Not Permitted

Control and Responsibility

ASPECT	REQUIREMENT
Responsibility	<i>The NABCB-accredited Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) is fully responsible for the correct and authorized use of the NABCB Accreditation Symbol.</i>
Control of Client Use	<i>Any permitted use of the NABCB Accreditation Symbol by client organizations shall be allowed only under the control and supervision of the NABCB-accredited CAB.</i>

ASPECT	REQUIREMENT
Scope Limitation	<i>The NABCB Accreditation Symbol shall be used only for accredited scopes and locations covered under the CAB's accreditation.</i>
Prevention of Misuse	<i>The accredited CAB shall take reasonable actions to prevent misleading, incorrect, or unauthorized use of the NABCB Accreditation Symbol by itself or its client organizations.</i>
Corrective Action	<i>In case of misuse, the accredited CAB shall ensure immediate corrective action, including withdrawal of authorization, where required.</i>
Non-Compliance	<i>Failure to control or prevent misuse of the NABCB Accreditation Symbol may result in corrective action, suspension, or withdrawal of accreditation.</i>

The accredited CAB can reproduce the NABCB Accreditation Symbol and the Combined IAF MLA or ILAC MRA Mark as applicable only in conjunction with its own logo / mark on its certificates, reports, stationery and literature associated with its accredited activities and scopes subject to the conditions specified in BCB-202.



Permitted representation of the NABCB Accreditation Symbol used in combination with the IAF MLA Mark or the ILAC MRA Mark by accredited CABs, as applicable

Prohibited Use of NABCB Accreditation Symbol

AREA / MEDIUM	RESTRICTION
Products and Product Packaging	<i>The NABCB Accreditation Symbol shall not be used on products, product packaging, labels, or any material that may imply product approval.</i>
Management Systems Certification	<i>The NABCB Accreditation Symbol shall not be used in any manner that suggests certification or approval of a product, process, or service.</i>
Vehicles	<i>The NABCB Accreditation Symbol shall not be displayed on vehicles, except as part of a large publicity advertisement.</i>
Buildings and Flags	<i>The NABCB Accreditation Symbol shall not be displayed on buildings or flags under any circumstances.</i>
Visiting Cards	<i>Use of the NABCB Accreditation Symbol on visiting cards is not permitted.</i>
Misleading Representation	<i>The NABCB Accreditation Symbol shall not be used in any way that misleads the reader about the accredited status of the CAB or its client organization.</i>

Use of IAF MLA/ILAC MRA Mark

MARK	PERMITTED USE CONDITIONS
IAF MLA Mark	<i>The IAF MLA Mark may be used only by NABCB-accredited Certification Bodies and Validation/Verification Bodies, in combination with the NABCB Accreditation Symbol, and strictly in accordance with the terms of the agreement signed with NABCB.</i>

ILAC MRA Mark	<i>The ILAC MRA Mark may be used only by NABCB-accredited Inspection Bodies, in combination with the NABCB Accreditation Symbol, and strictly in accordance with the agreement signed with NABCB.</i>
Use by Client Organizations	<i>Client organizations of NABCB-accredited CABs shall not use the IAF MLA Mark or the ILAC MRA Mark under any circumstances.</i>

Product vs Management System Certification

CERTIFICATION TYPE	SYMBOL USAGE RULE
Management Systems Certification	<i>Neither the Certification Body’s Symbol nor the Accreditation Body’s Symbol shall be used on products, packaging, or labels.</i>
Product Certification	<i>The Certification Body may authorize use of its own product conformity mark. Use of the NABCB Accreditation Symbol on products is not permitted.</i>



Use of the NABCB Accreditation Symbol on products or product packaging is NOT permitted.



Use of NABCB Accreditation Symbol, IAF MLA Mark, or ILAC MRA Mark on visiting cards is NOT permitted.

Content, Size and Reproduction of NABCB Accreditation Symbol and IAF MLA Mark or ILAC MRA Mark (As per Clause 5.3.1 of BCB-202)

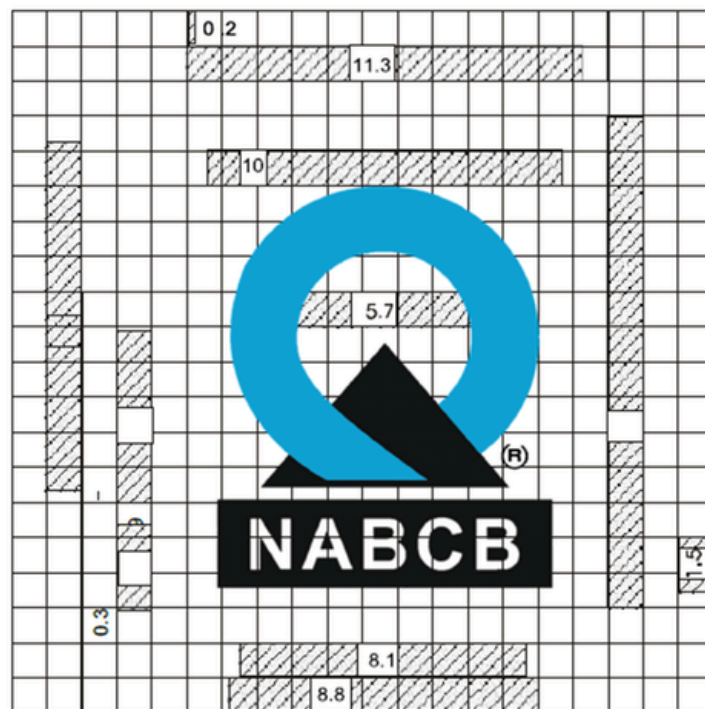
The NABCB Accreditation Symbol shall be reproduced strictly in accordance with the approved design specifications provided in Appendix A. This includes the prescribed proportions, colour combinations, and overall appearance of the NABCB logo. As a general requirement, the NABCB logo shall not be reduced below a minimum size of 15 × 12 mm, to ensure clear visibility and legibility.

Accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) shall reproduce the NABCB Accreditation Symbol along with the correct accreditation number, which shall be displayed below the NABCB logo. The accreditation number is an integral part of the symbol and shall always be shown correctly.

The NABCB Accreditation Symbol shall not be reproduced by client organizations on its own. Any permitted use by a client organization shall be only in conjunction with the logo/mark of the NABCB-accredited CAB and under the control and authorization of the accredited CAB.

The NABCB Accreditation Symbol shall be printed only in the approved colour combinations or in the grey-black version, as specified in the applicable Appendix. No other colour variations or modifications are permitted.

Where applicable, the Combined IAF MLA Mark or ILAC MRA Mark may be used by accredited CABs only under a formal agreement with NABCB. These international marks shall be reproduced and used strictly in accordance with the latest versions of IAF ML 2 and ILAC R7, respectively, and the specific conditions stipulated in the agreement signed with NABCB.



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Colour: Circle - Cyan 80% Magenta 30% Triangle
and Outline - Black 100%.

Black & White: Circle - Black 40%
Triangle and Outline Black 100%

Action on Suspension or Withdrawal

Upon suspension or withdrawal of accreditation, the accredited CAB shall immediately discontinue the use of the NABCB Accreditation Symbol, IAF MLA Mark, and ILAC MRA Mark on all certificates, stationery, and publicity material. Use may resume only after suspension is formally revoked.

Checking Authenticity of Certificates

Original vs Misleading Certificates

Not all certificates carry the same credibility. Before accepting a management system certificate, verify whether it is issued by an accredited Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) and backed by a recognized accreditation framework.

What to Check?

Original / Credible Certificate

- Issued by an accredited CAB
- Accreditation mark is valid and verifiable
- Scope, certificate number, validity, and issuing body are clearly mentioned
- Verification available through official channels

Misleading / Non-Credible Certificate

- Unclear or unverifiable accreditation claims
- Missing or misleading accreditation logos
- No proper certificate verification mechanism
- Incomplete or questionable certification details

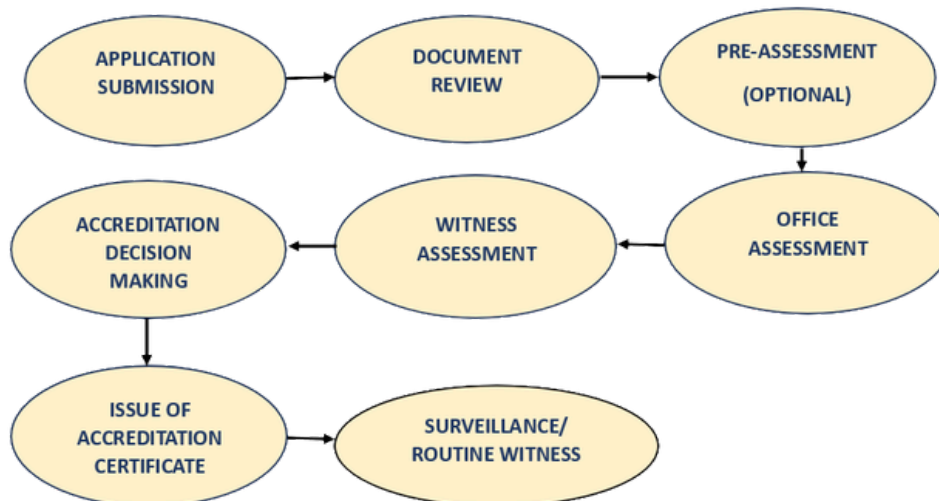


Accreditation Process

The NABCB accreditation process follows a structured, multi-stage evaluation framework designed to ensure that Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) operate competently, consistently, and impartially. The sequence of activities—from application to accreditation decision—ensures that each CAB is rigorously assessed before approval and continuously monitored throughout the Accreditation cycle.

The entire process is conducted through NABCB’s online portal, providing a streamlined, transparent, and accessible interface for applicants to submit documents, track progress, and communicate with the accreditation team.

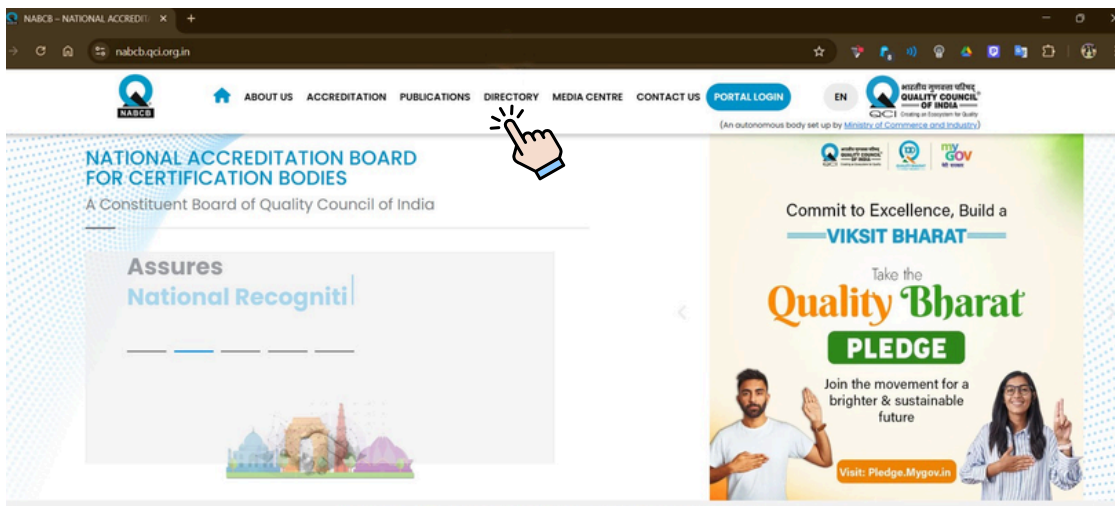
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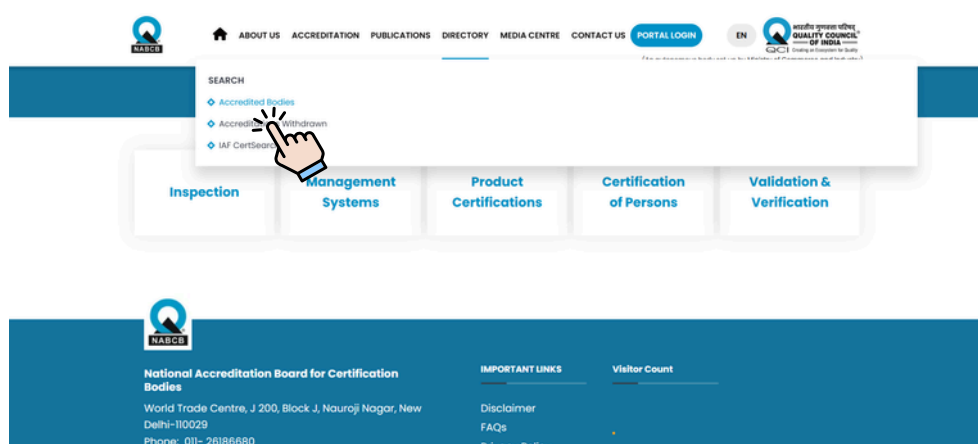
Flow chart of Accreditation Process

Searching For Accredited Conformity Assessment Body

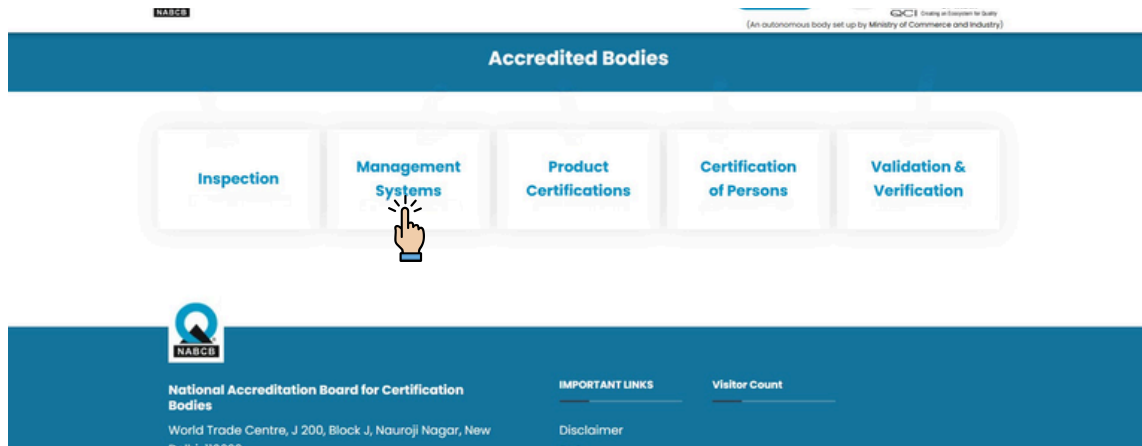
NABCB provides an Online **Directory** that allows users to easily search and verify Accredited Certification Bodies, Inspection Bodies, and Validation & Verification Bodies.



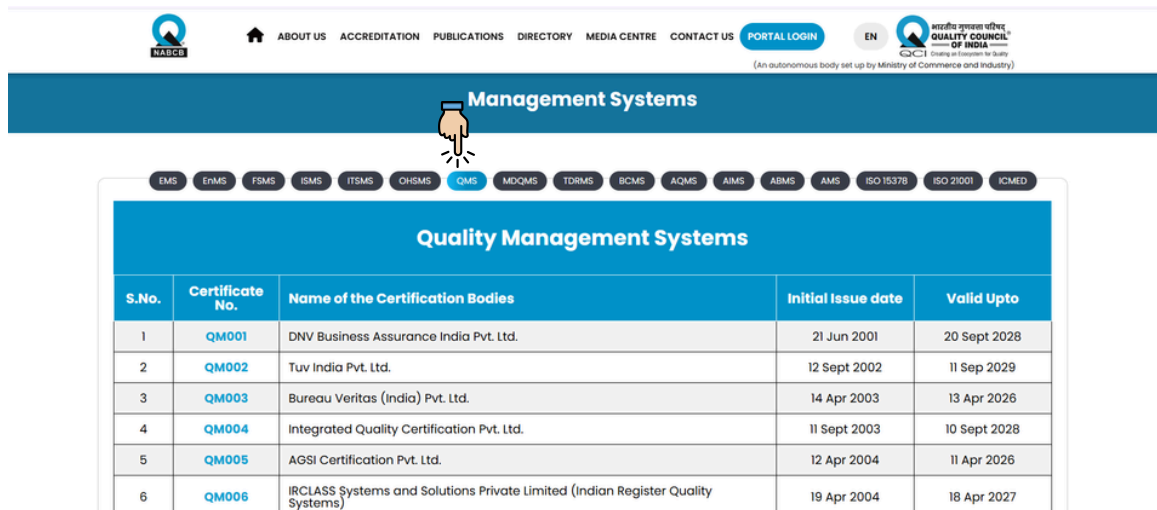
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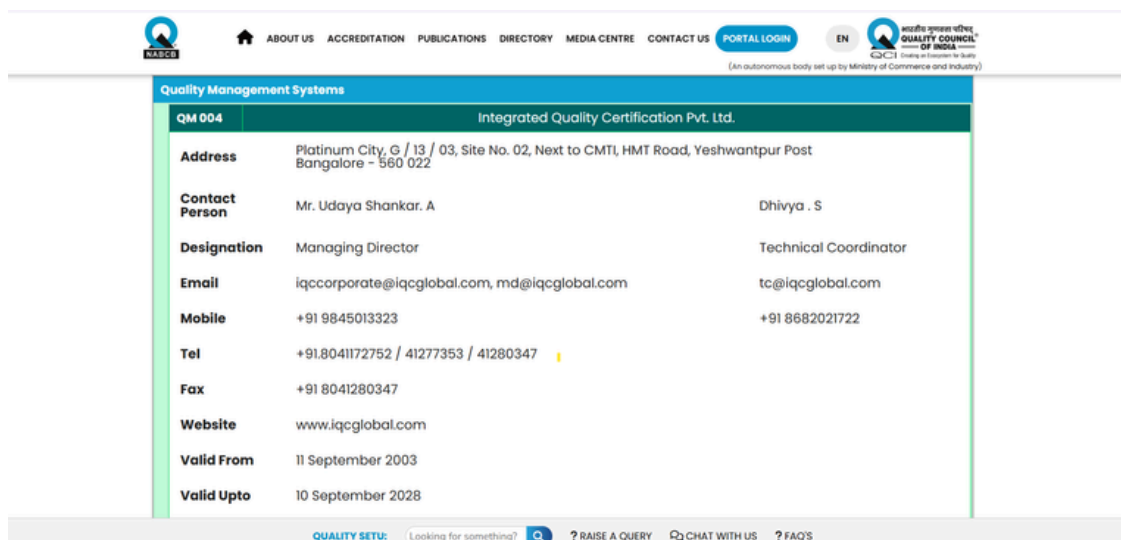
Click on Accredited Bodies



Select the Accredited Body(Management Systems)

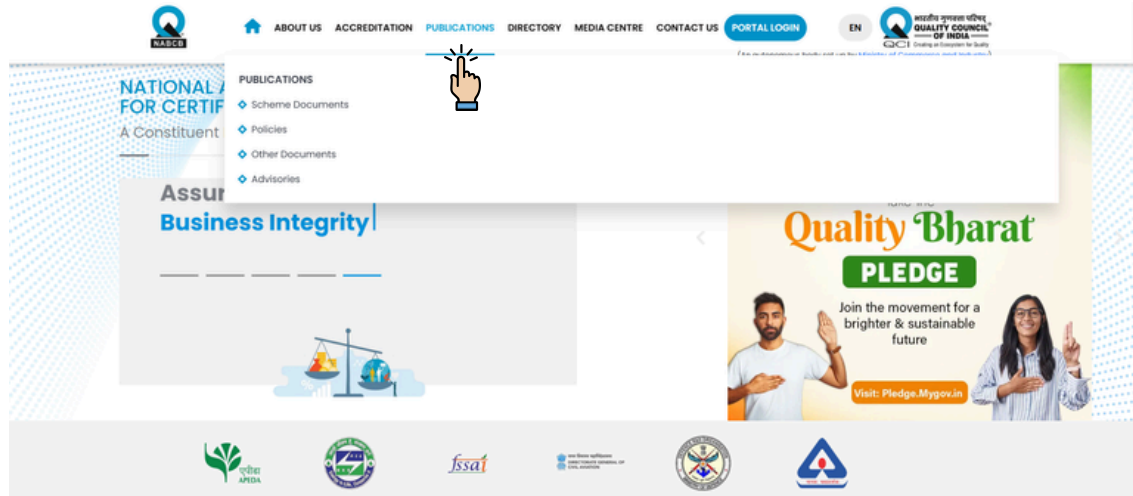


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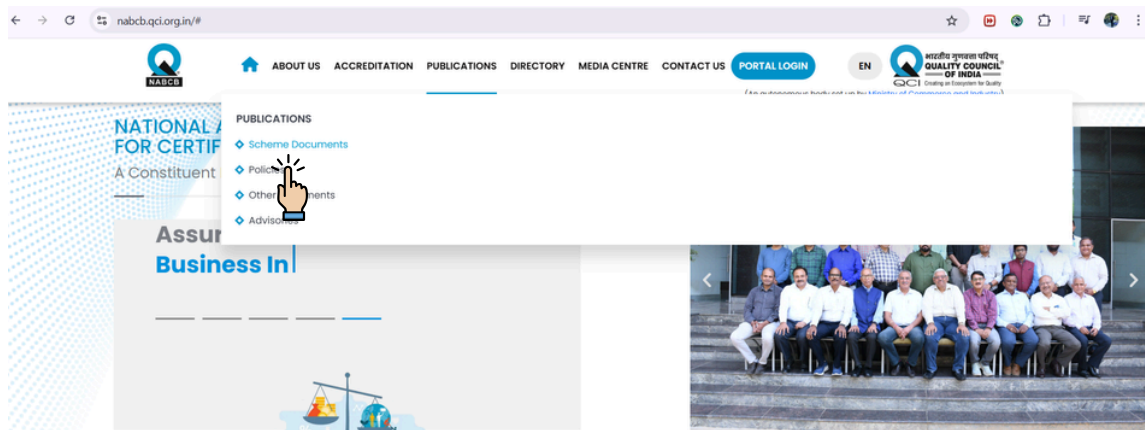


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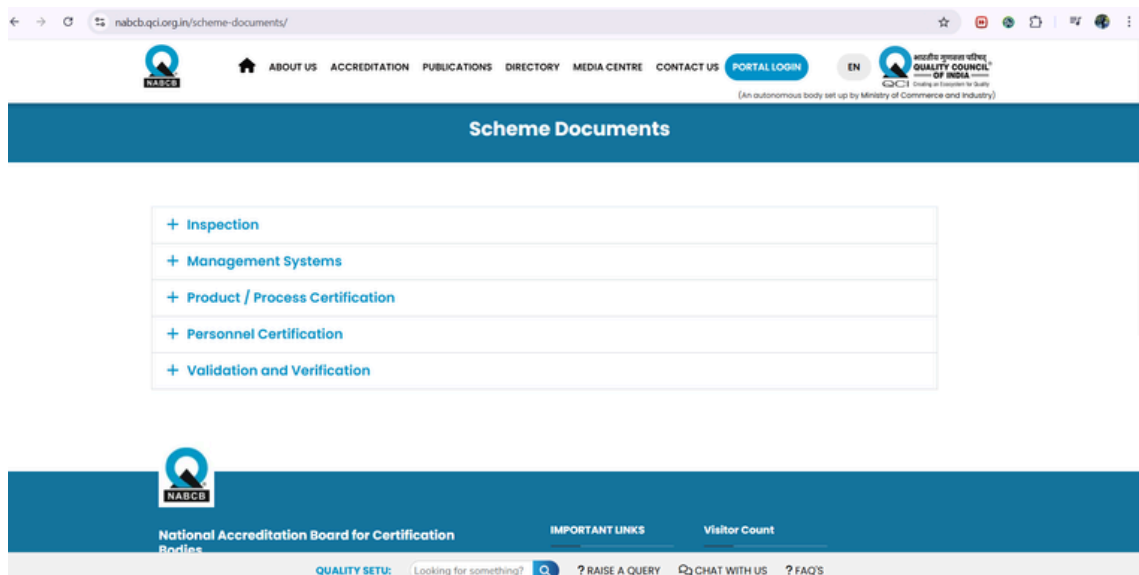
How to Access Scheme Document on the NABCB website:



Click on Publications



Click on Scheme Documents



Here you can access scheme documents of any Conformity Assessment

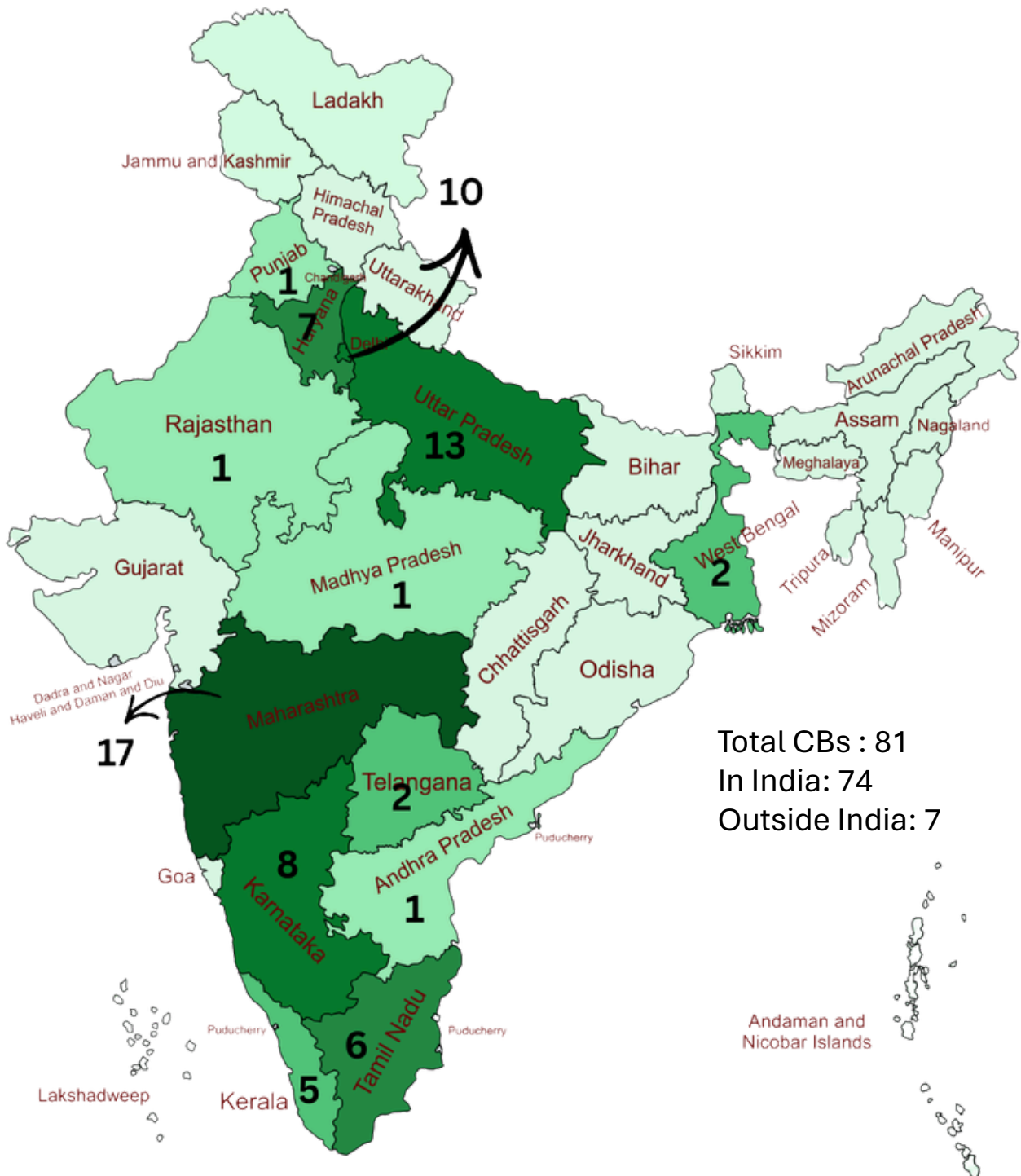
NABCB Accreditation Network at a Glance

S. NO	CATEGORY	TOTAL
1.	Certification Bodies	81
2.	Inspection Bodies	151
3.	Product Certification Bodies	41
4.	Personnel Certification Bodies	9
5.	Validation & Verification Bodies	12

Accredited Certification Bodies Across India

Geographical Presence of NABCB-Accredited Certification Bodies

The map below illustrates the nationwide presence of NABCB-Accredited Certification Bodies (CBs) across India.

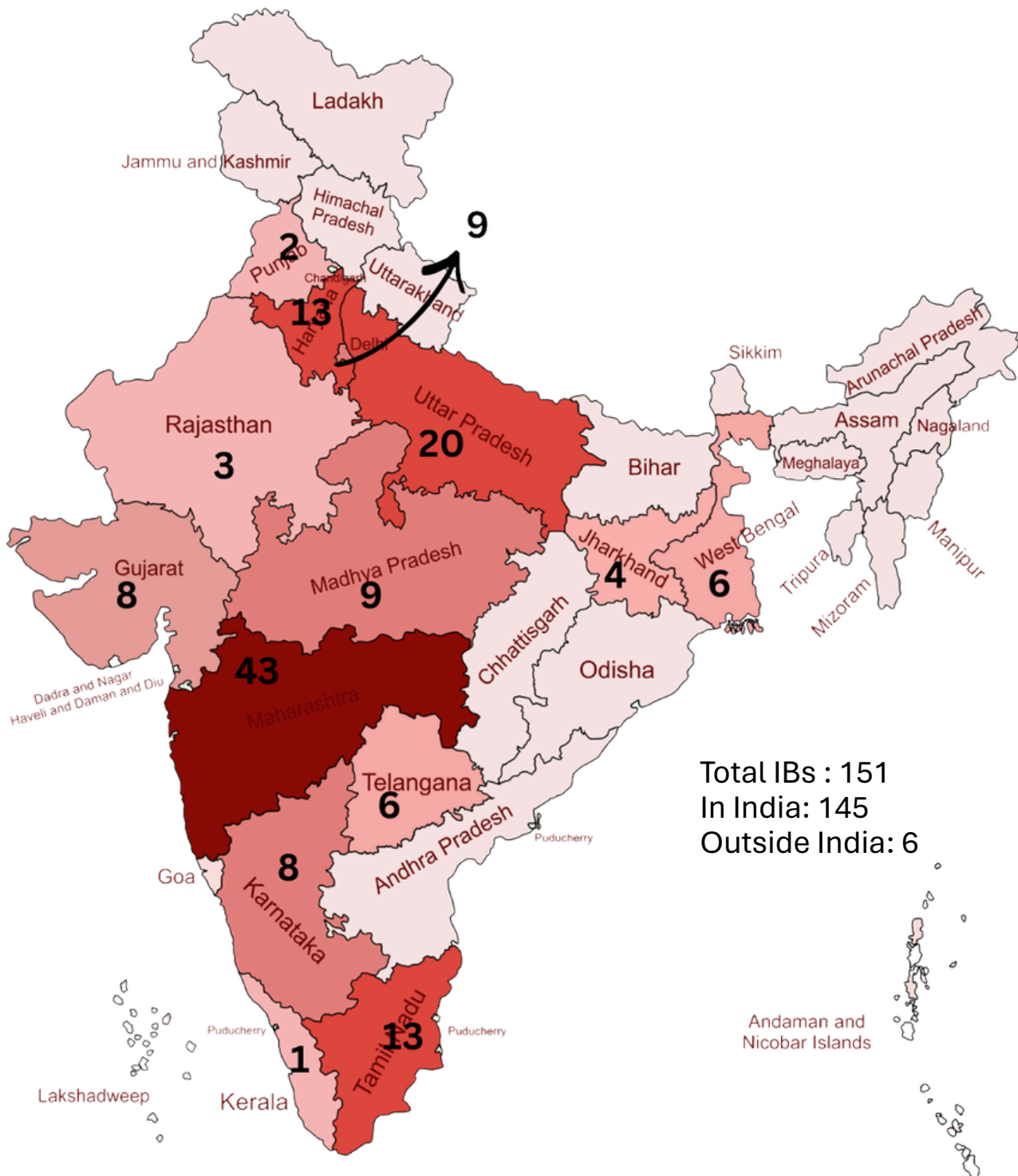


Total CBs : 81
In India: 74
Outside India: 7

Accredited Inspection Bodies Across India

Geographical Presence of NABCB-Accredited Inspection Bodies

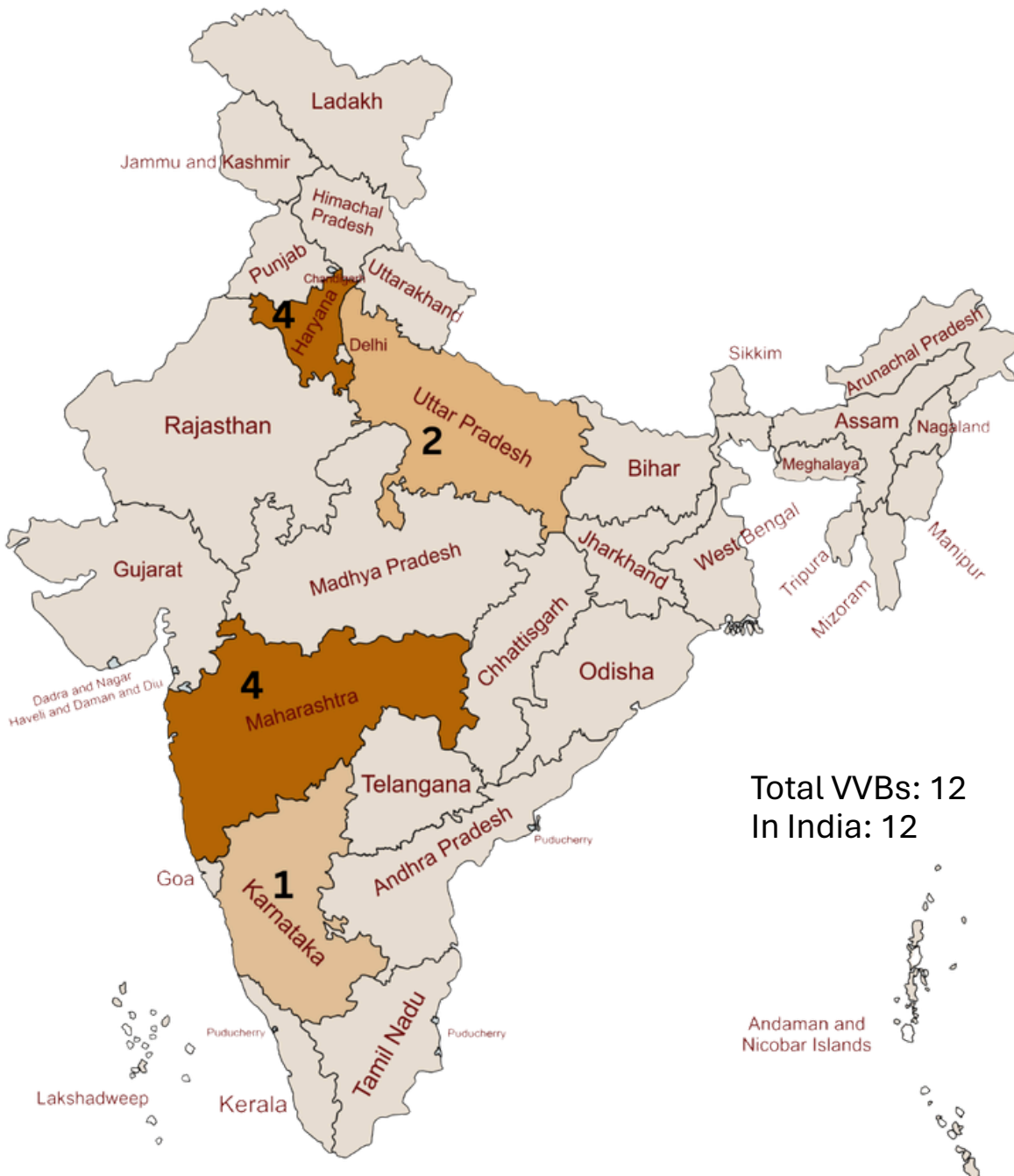
The map below presents the state-wise presence of NABCB-Accredited Inspection Bodies (IBs) across India, highlighting their distribution and operational reach.



Accredited Validation & Verification Bodies Across India

Geographical Presence of NABCB-Accredited Validation & Verification Bodies (VVBs)

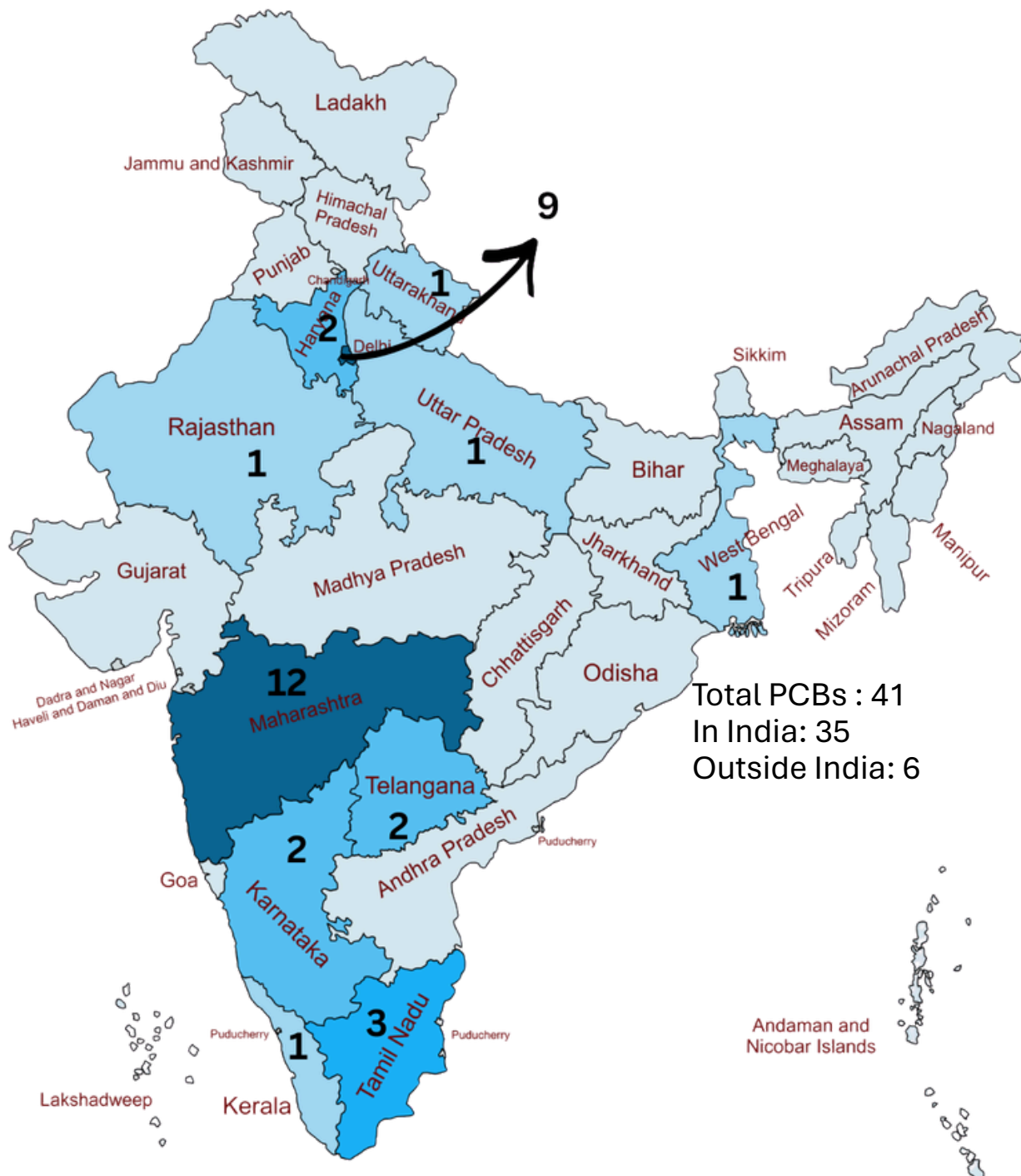
The map below displays the state-wise presence of NABCB-Accredited Validation and Verification Bodies (VVBs) across India.



Accredited Product Certification Bodies Across India

Geographical Presence of NABCB-Accredited Product Certification Bodies (PCB)

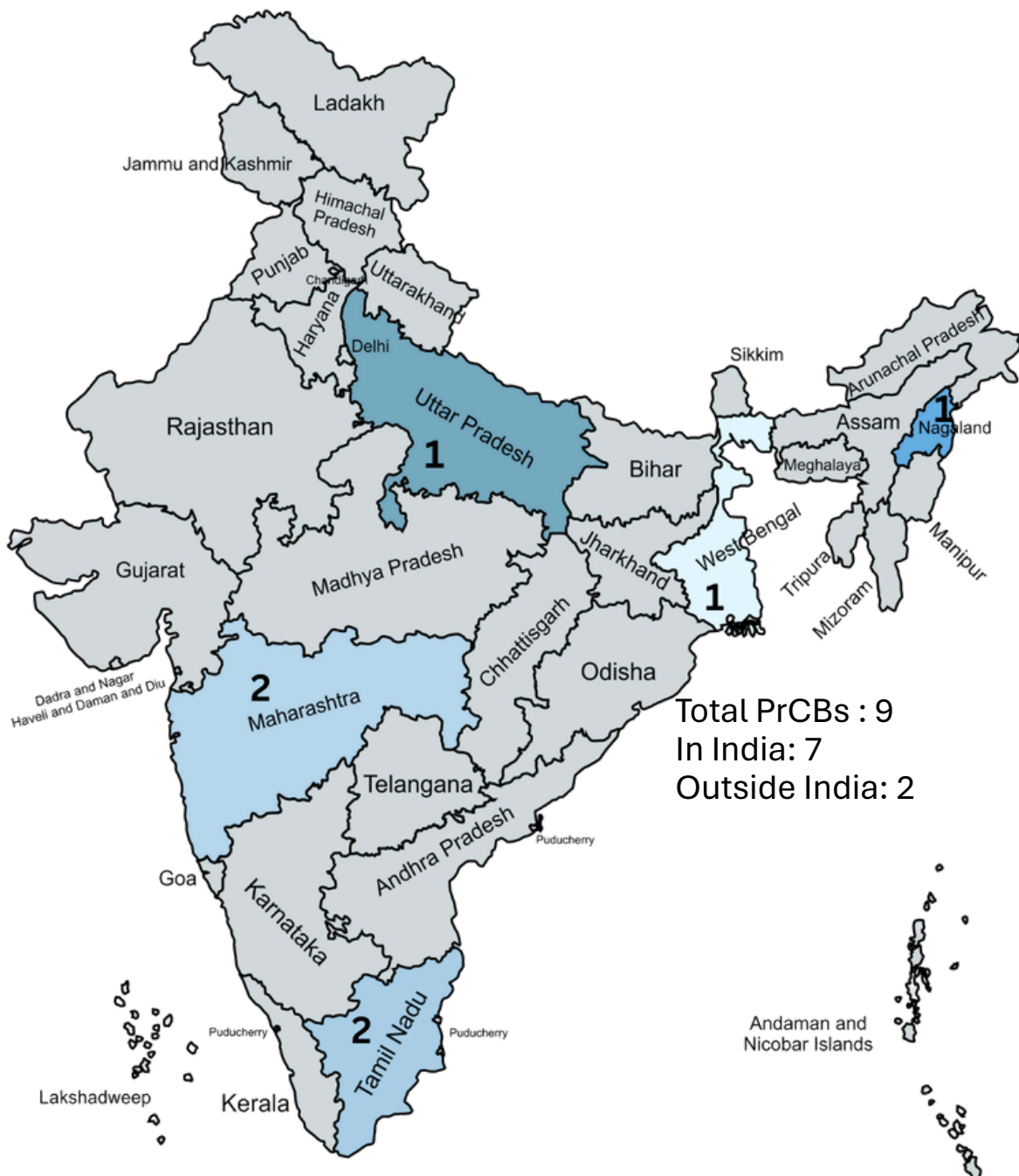
The map below displays the state-wise presence of NABCB-Accredited Product Certification Bodies (PCB) across India.



Accredited Personnel Certification Bodies Across India

Geographical Presence of NABCB-Accredited Personnel Certification Bodies (PrCB)

The map below displays the state-wise presence of NABCB-Accredited Personnel Certification Bodies (PrCB) across India.



Scheme in Spotlight: Key Accreditation Opportunities

FSSC 24000 Social Management System is a globally recognised certification scheme for demonstrating responsible social practices within organisations. Based on the principles of ISO 26000 and aligned with internationally accepted labour and human rights conventions, the scheme supports organisations in strengthening ethical, transparent, and socially responsible operations across their value chains.

Designed to promote ethical labour practices, human rights, occupational health & safety, and responsible business conduct, FSSC 24000 provides a structured framework for organisations seeking to strengthen social sustainability and responsible sourcing practices.

Accreditation under the FSSC 24000 scheme applies to Management System Certification framework, with accreditation applicable to certification bodies operating in accordance with ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 — Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems. The scheme incorporates defined requirements relating to auditor competence, impartiality, audit integrity, worker interviews, unannounced audits, and robust nonconformity management, thereby strengthening confidence in social sustainability certification.

For More Information: <https://www.fssc.com/fssc-24000/>





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THANK YOU

We sincerely appreciate your engagement and continued trust in the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB).

Your feedback, insights, and partnership play a vital role in strengthening India's quality ecosystem and driving our shared mission of excellence in accreditation.

As we continue to evolve and expand our initiatives, we welcome your thoughts, suggestions, and contributions.

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