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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)

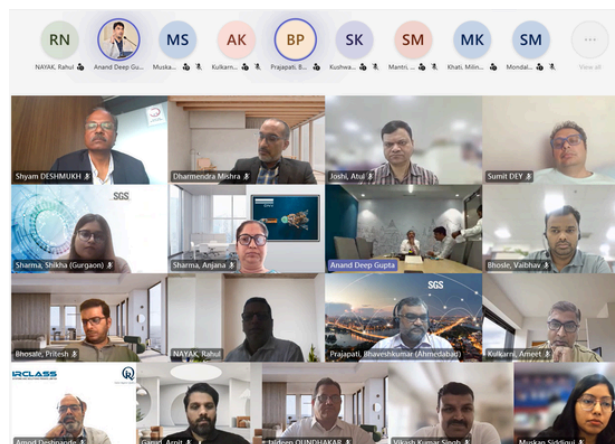
- GlobalG.A.P.
- ISCC CORSIA for SAF
- Brand Reputation through Compliance Global Standards (BRCGS)
- National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP)
- IRF Trusted Mark
- Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP)
- PEFC-CoC Certification Scheme
- Global Organic Textile Standard
- ISA Secure Scheme
- NCCF Trees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

Validation and Verification (ISO/IEC 17029:2019)

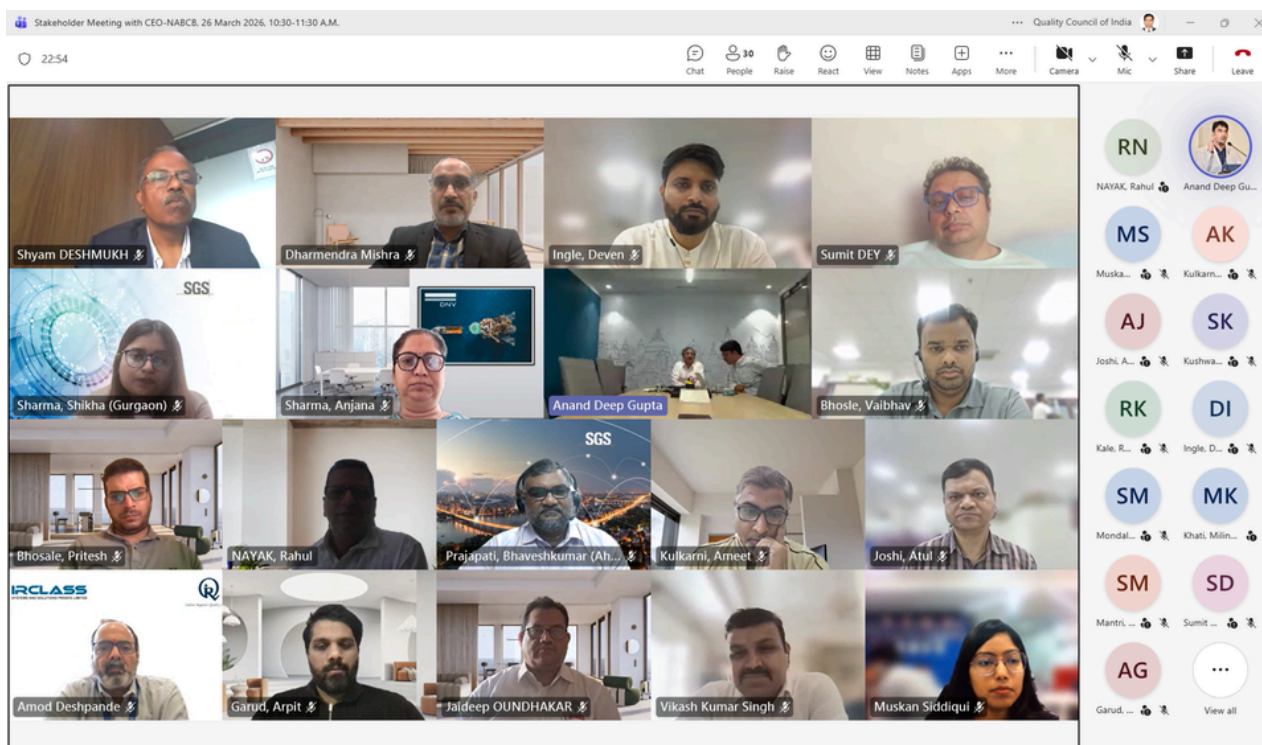
- Greenhouse Gases (ISO 14065)
- Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS)
- ICAO CORSIA
- Verified Carbon Standard (VCS)

Stakeholders Meet

The National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) conducted a virtual stakeholders meeting via MS Teams on 26th March 2026, led by Mr. N. Venkateswaran, CEO, NABCB. The meeting was convened to deliberate on key changes proposed in NABCB's policies and procedures, which are planned for implementation in the upcoming financial year.



It served as an important platform for formal engagement with stakeholders, enabling discussion on policy updates, procedural improvements, and the strategic way forward. The interaction also facilitated valuable stakeholder inputs, reinforcing NABCB's commitment to transparency, collaboration, and continual strengthening of its accreditation ecosystem.



NABCB Participation in PRAKRITI 2026 International Conference on Carbon Markets

The National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) participated in the 2nd International Conference on Carbon Markets – PRAKRITI 2026, organized by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) on 21st March 2026 in New Delhi. The conference, themed “Unlocking Carbon Finance for NDC Implementation – Global Partnerships and Digital Pathways,” brought together key stakeholders to deliberate on the evolving landscape of carbon markets and climate finance. NABCB was represented by Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Joint Director, NABCB, who contributed as a panelist in the plenary session on “Advancing Voluntary Mechanisms: Country Experiences and Key Learnings” held on 21st March 2026. The participation highlighted NABCB’s engagement in discussions on strengthening voluntary carbon market mechanisms through credible Validation and Verification and supporting India’s climate commitments.



Strengthening Quality in Textiles: NABCB at Textile Association India Technical Seminar

The National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) contributed to a Technical Seminar on “Comprehensive Quality Management in Textiles” organized by The Textile Association (India) (Ahmedabad Unit) in association with the Quality Council of India (QCI) on 25th March 2026 at Ahmedabad.

During the seminar, NABCB delivered a focused technical session on accreditation, emphasizing its critical role in enhancing quality assurance, regulatory compliance, and global competitiveness within the textile sector. The session also highlighted NABCB’s support for internationally recognized certification schemes such as Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) and Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS).



Mr. Jaimin Patel, Assistant Director, NABCB delivered a technical session on accreditation

NABCB actively contributed to knowledge-sharing discussions, offering technical insights on accredited certification and alignment with global standards. The seminar served as a valuable platform for industry stakeholders to deliberate on advancing quality practices and achieving greater global acceptance in the textile industry.



NABCB at Indo-German Artificial Intelligence (AI) Exchange

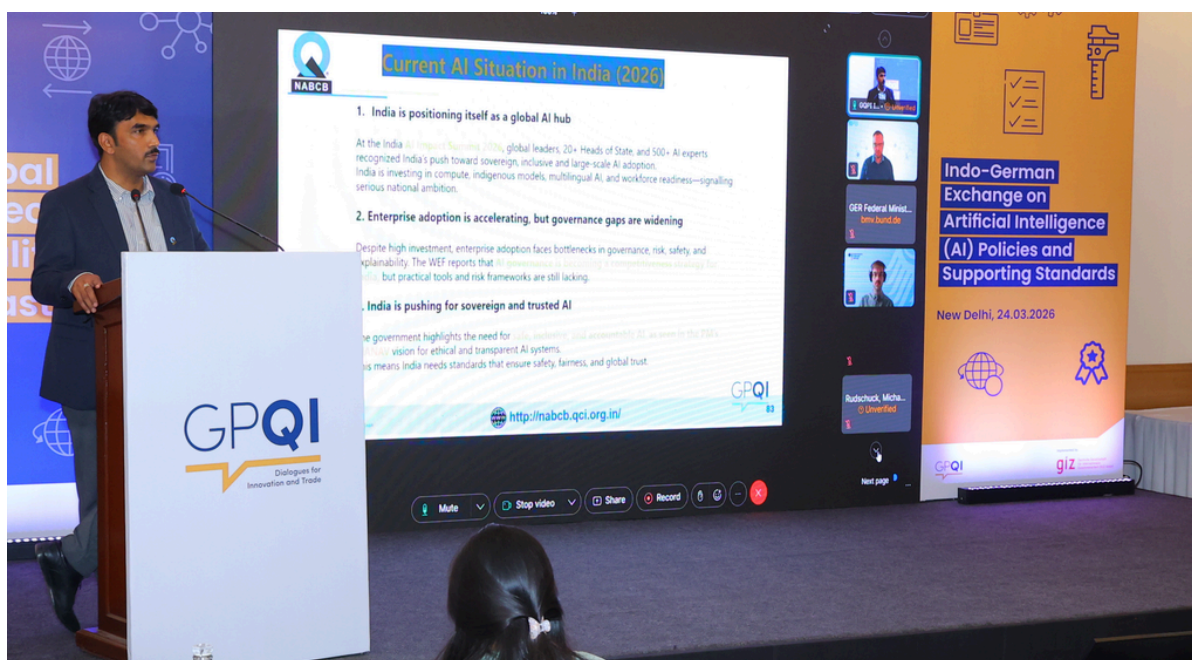
The National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) delivered a presentation on “Building Trust in AI: Role of NABCB Accreditation” at the Indo-German AI Exchange organized by GIZ, Germany, on 24th March 2026.

The presentation highlighted the increasing importance of structured AI governance in India’s rapidly evolving AI landscape. It emphasized the role of accreditation for ISO/IEC 42001 (AI Management Systems) in ensuring trust, transparency, and accountability in AI deployment.



NABCB also underscored the need for comprehensive frameworks encompassing risk management, data protection, ethical safeguards, and lifecycle-based governance to enable the development of credible and responsible AI systems.

The event brought together key stakeholders from India and Germany to strengthen collaboration on AI policies, standards, and quality infrastructure, supporting the development of a trustworthy AI ecosystem.



Mr. Anand Deep Gupta, Joint Director, NABCB, highlighted the increasing importance of structured AI governance in India’s rapidly evolving AI landscape.

Launch of Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated

The Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated has officially commenced operations as of 1st January 2026, marking a significant milestone in the global accreditation ecosystem.

Global ACI has assumed the roles and responsibilities of the former International Accreditation Forum and International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation, bringing together accreditation activities under a unified international framework.

This transition is expected to further strengthen global confidence in accredited conformity assessment, enhance harmonization of accreditation practices, and support international trade through robust and reliable accreditation systems.

The launch of Global ACI's official communication platforms is a step towards increased transparency and stakeholder engagement. NABCB encourages stakeholders to stay informed through the following channels:

- LinkedIn: <https://lnkd.in/gS7HQm4e>
- X: https://x.com/Global_ACI
- Bluesky: <https://lnkd.in/gsvHZrNH>
- YouTube: https://lnkd.in/gzJuCK_P

🌐 The official website is now live at: www.global-aci.org

NABCB looks forward to continued collaboration with Global ACI and the global accreditation community in advancing quality infrastructure and strengthening trust in accredited systems worldwide.



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About the Global ACI MRA

The Global ACI Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MRA) reduces technical barriers to trade by facilitating the international acceptance of accredited conformity assessment results. The MRA serves as a framework to enhance cooperation, consistency and trust among accreditation bodies, regulators and stakeholders.

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New Accreditations Granted in Mar 2026

S. NO	NAME OF THE CAB	SCHEME
1.	Deutsch Quality Systems (India) Private Limited	Aerospace Quality Management System
2.	Cybertryzub InfoSec Private Limited	Information Security Management System
3.	Saians Marine Services Private Limited.	Inspection Body
4.	Bulgyo Certification LLP	Quality Management System
5.	Cotecna Inspection India Pvt. Ltd.	Validation & Verification Body
6.	TAK Consulting Pvt. Ltd.	Inspection Body
7.	YQ Business Assurance Private Limited	Inspection Body
8.	IQMCINDIA Certification Private Limited	Quality Management System
9.	Maverick Quality Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd.	Artificial Intelligence Management System
10.	Euroasia Scientific India Private Limited	Inspection Body
11.	Nustar Certification & Inspection Private Limited	Environmental Management Systems, Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems, Quality 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.

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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)

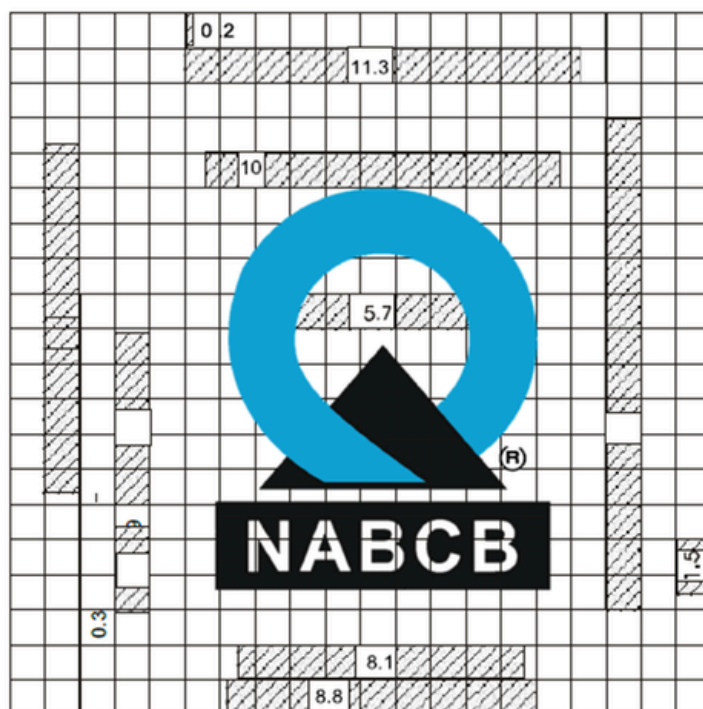
The NABCB Accreditation Symbol shall be reproduced strictly in accordance with the approved design specifications provided in Appendix A. This includes the prescribed proportions, colour combinations, and overall appearance of the NABCB logo. As a general requirement, the NABCB logo shall not be reduced 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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and Outline - Black 100%.

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

Action on Suspension or Withdrawal

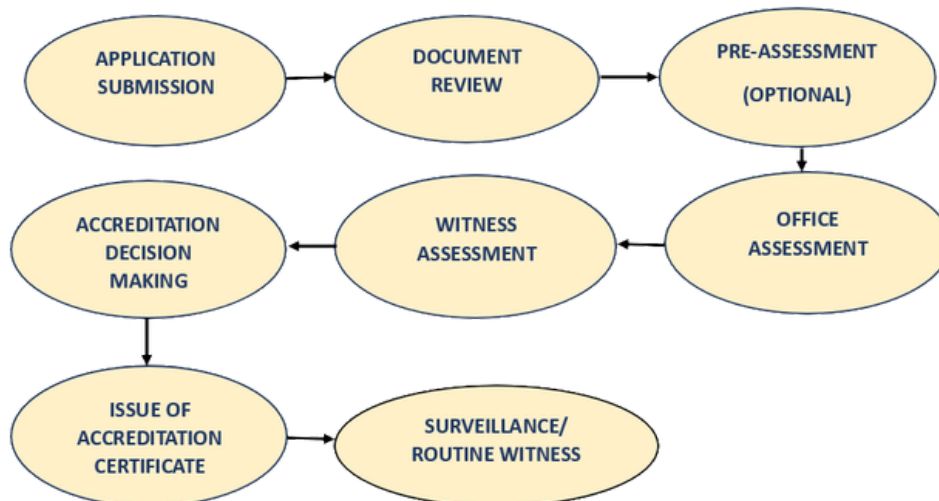
Upon suspension or withdrawal of accreditation, the accredited CAB shall immediately discontinue the use of the NABCB Accreditation Symbol, IAF MLA Mark, and ILAC MRA Mark on all certificates, stationery, and publicity material. Use may resume only after suspension is formally revoked.

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.

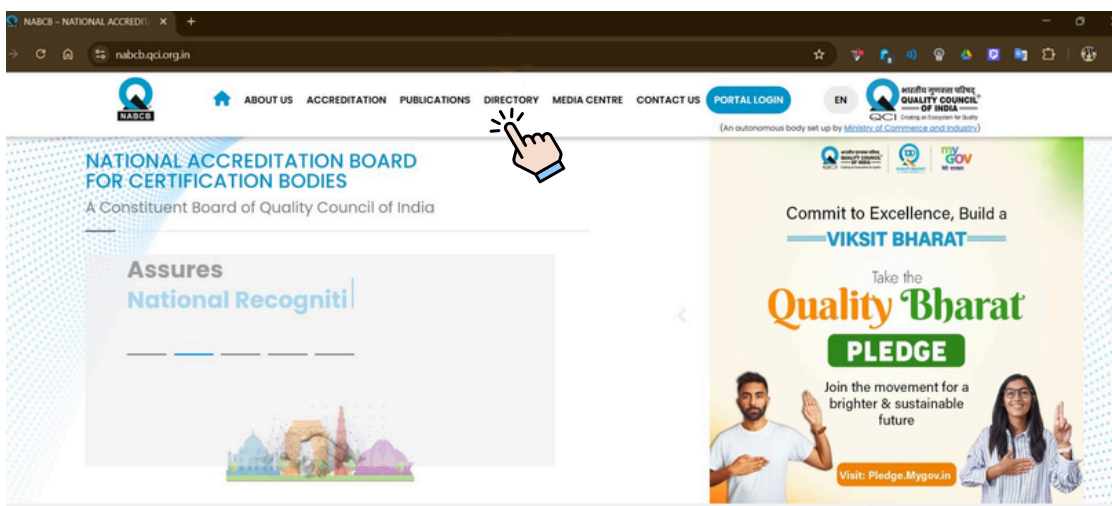
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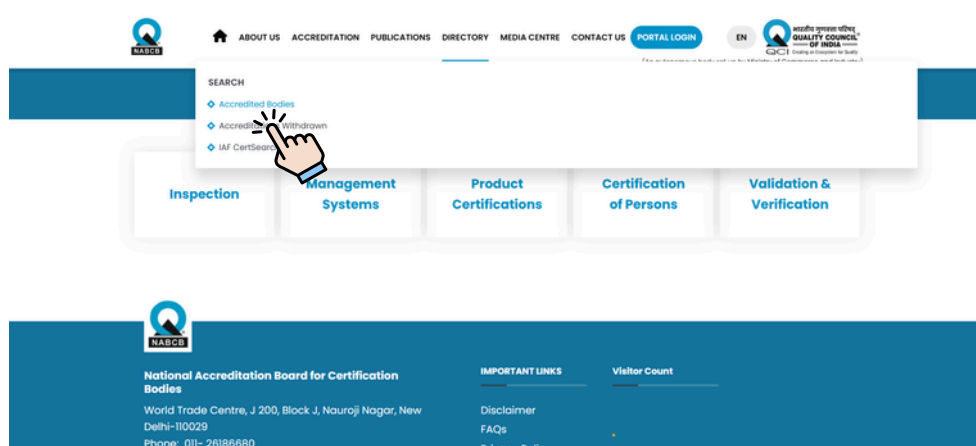
Flow chart of Accreditation Process

Searching For Accredited Conformity Assessment Body

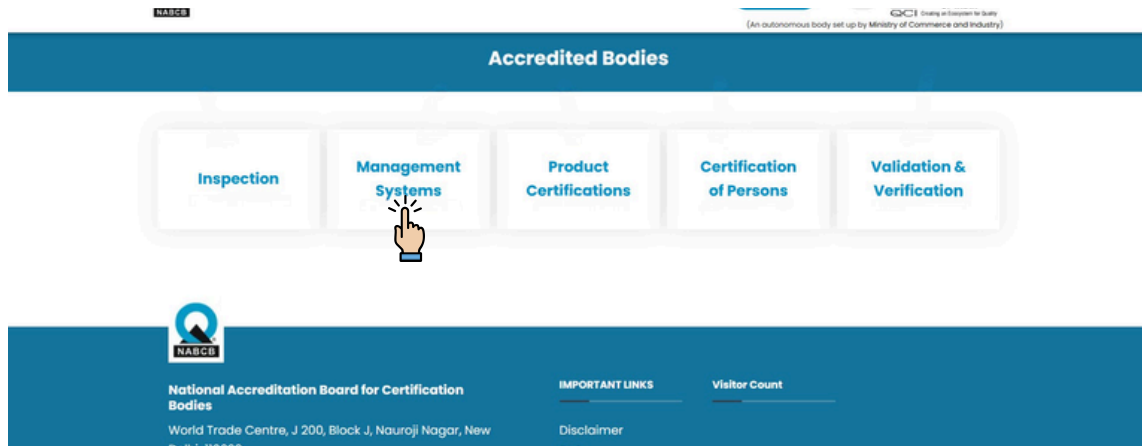
NABCB provides an Online **Directory** that allows users to easily search and verify Accredited Certification Bodies, Inspection Bodies, and Validation & Verification Bodies.



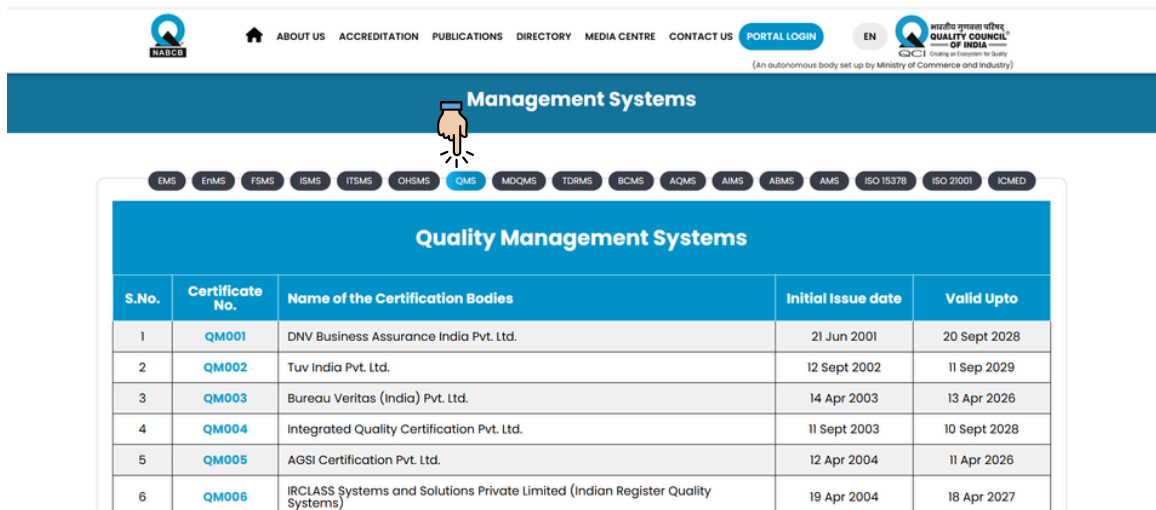
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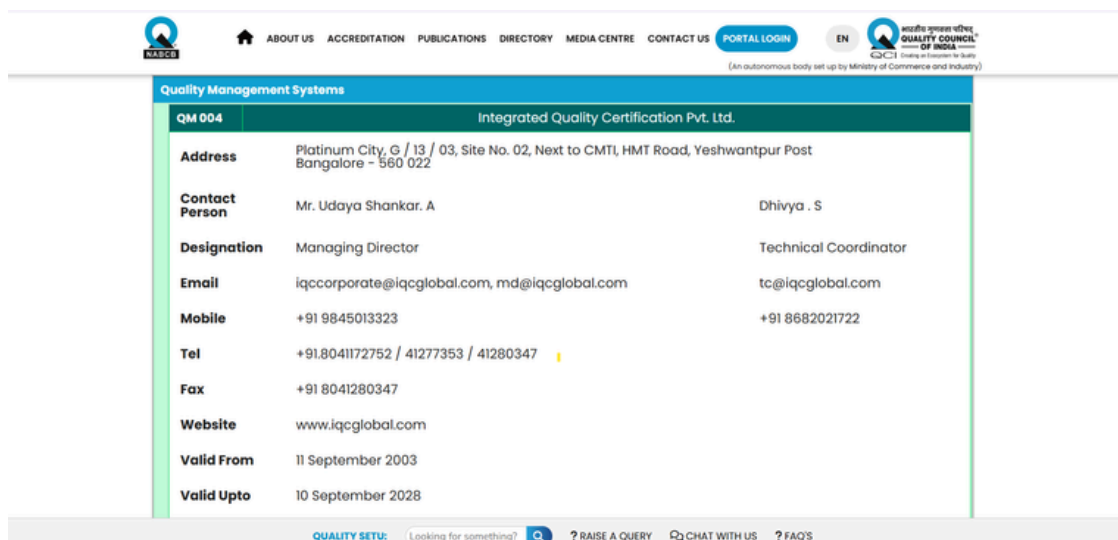
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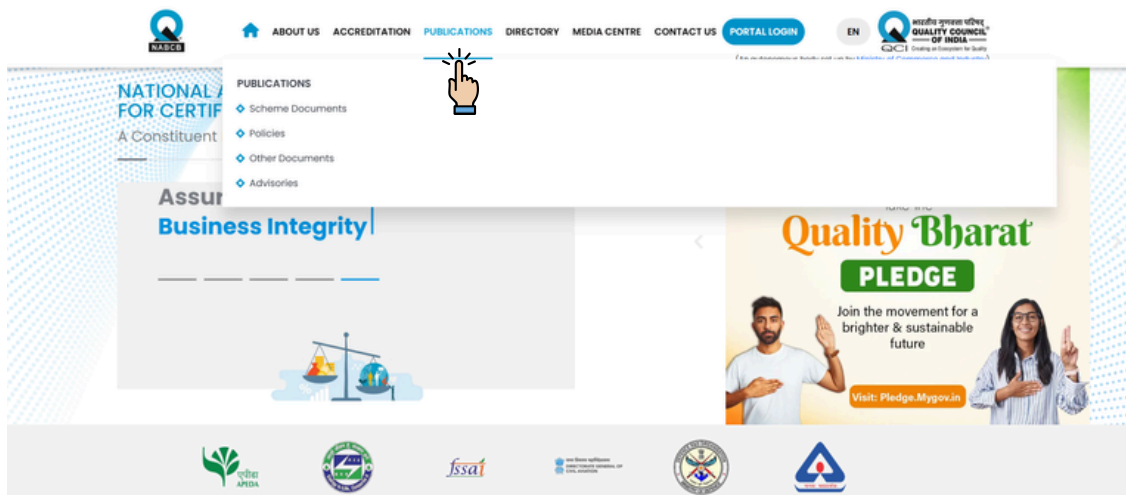


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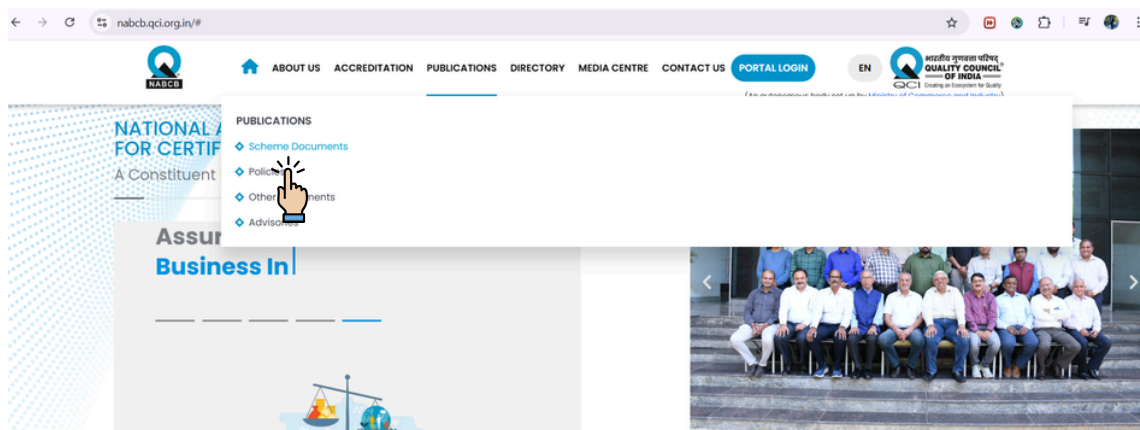


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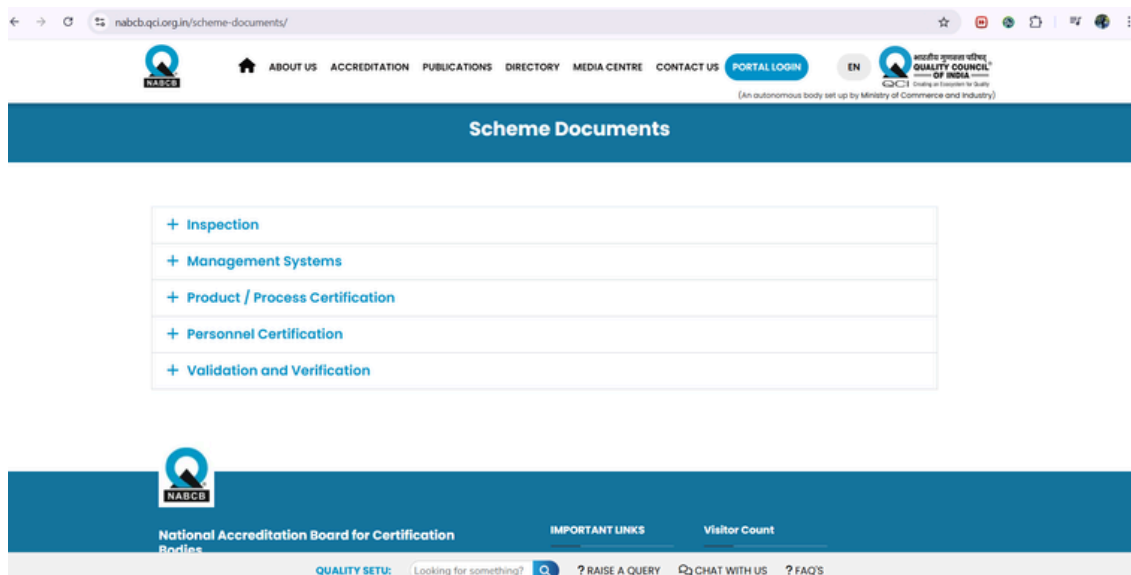
How to Access Scheme Document on the NABCB website:



Click on Publications



Click on Scheme Documents



Here you can access scheme documents of any Conformity Assessment

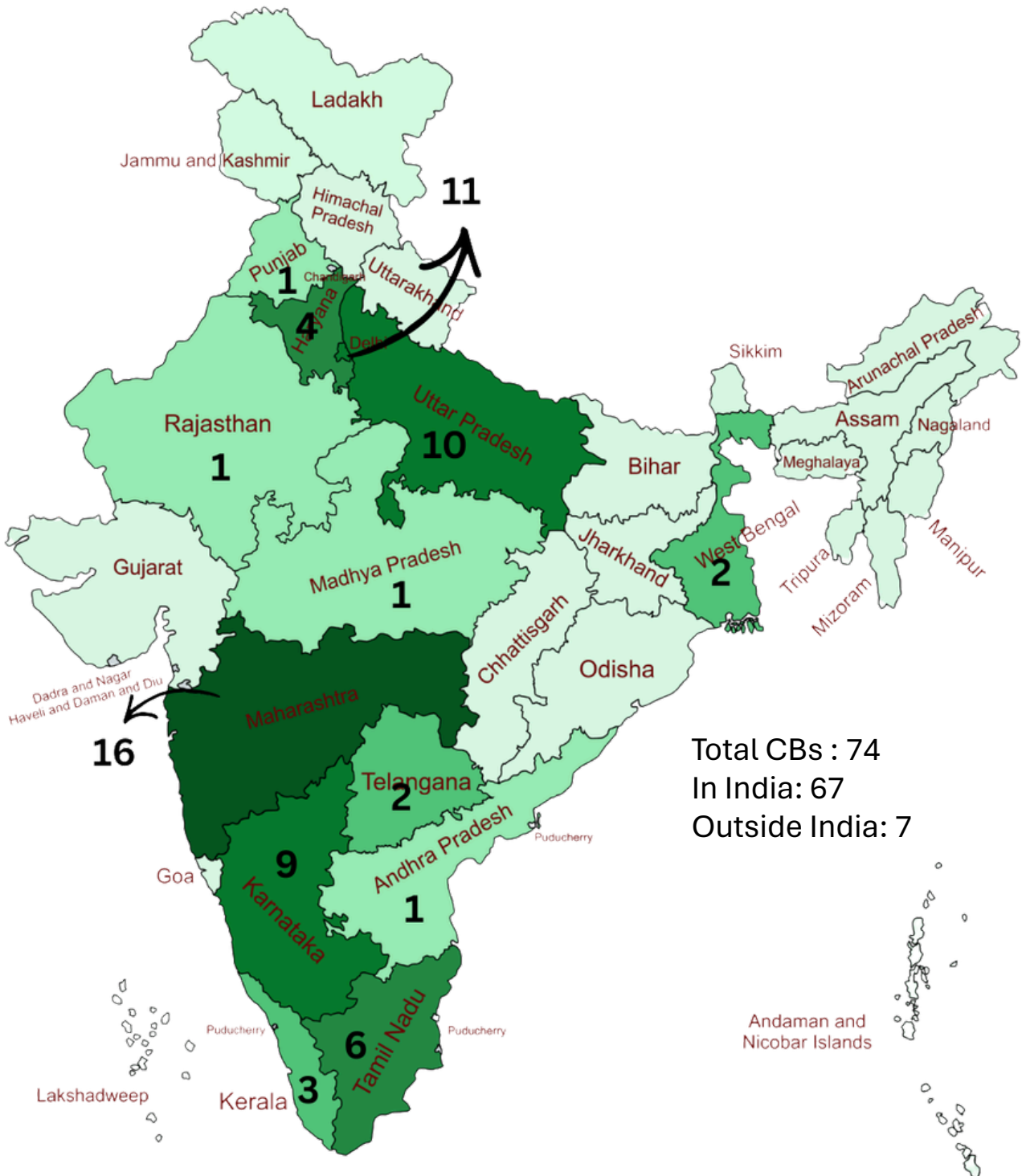
NABCB Accreditation Network at a Glance

S. NO	CATEGORY	TOTAL
1.	Certification Bodies	74
2.	Inspection Bodies	148
3.	Product Certification Bodies	40
4.	Personnel Certification Bodies	9
5.	Validation & Verification Bodies	12

Accredited Certification Bodies Across India

Geographical Presence of NABCB-Accredited Certification Bodies

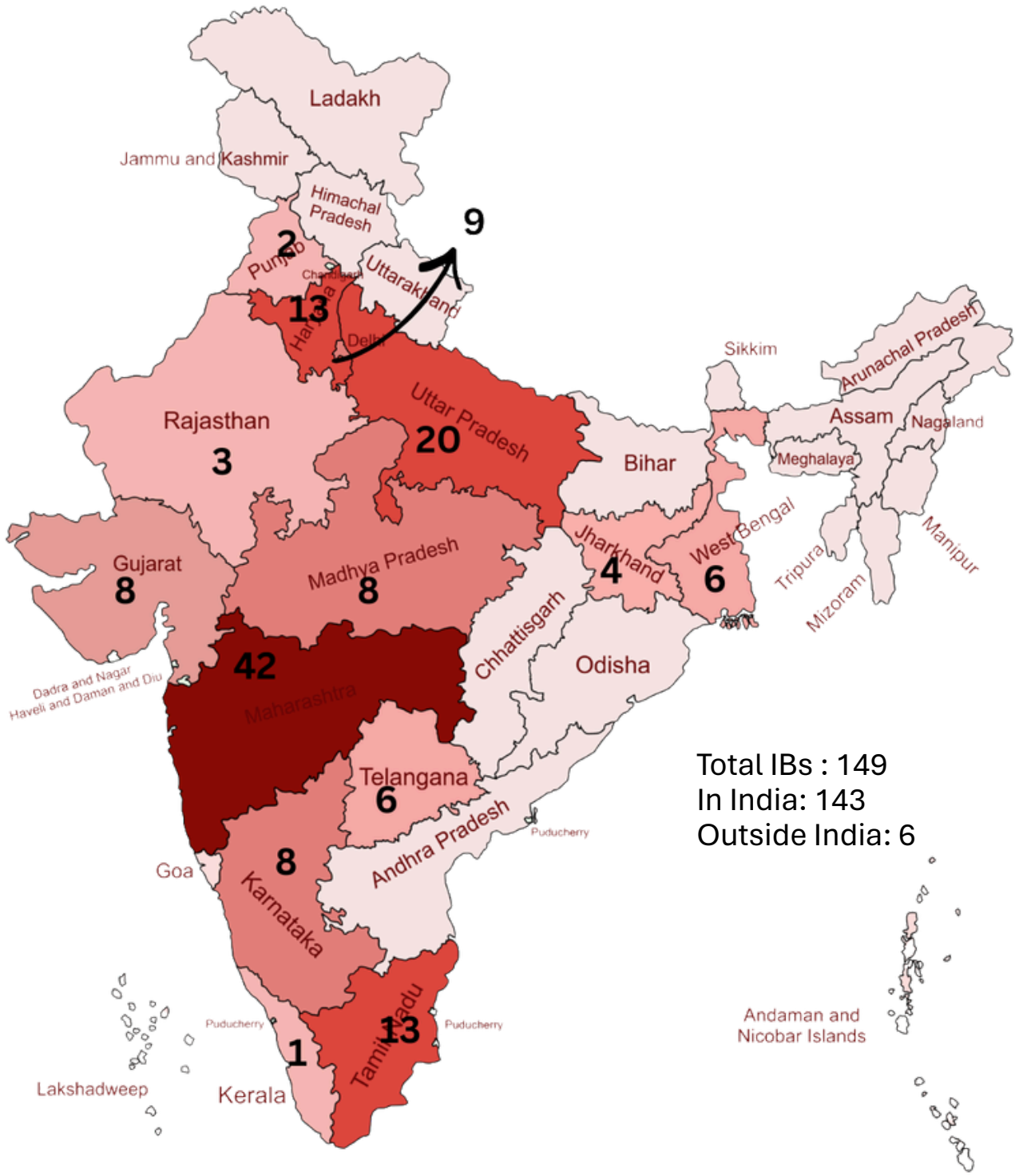
The map below illustrates the nationwide presence of NABCB-Accredited Certification Bodies (CBs) across India.



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.

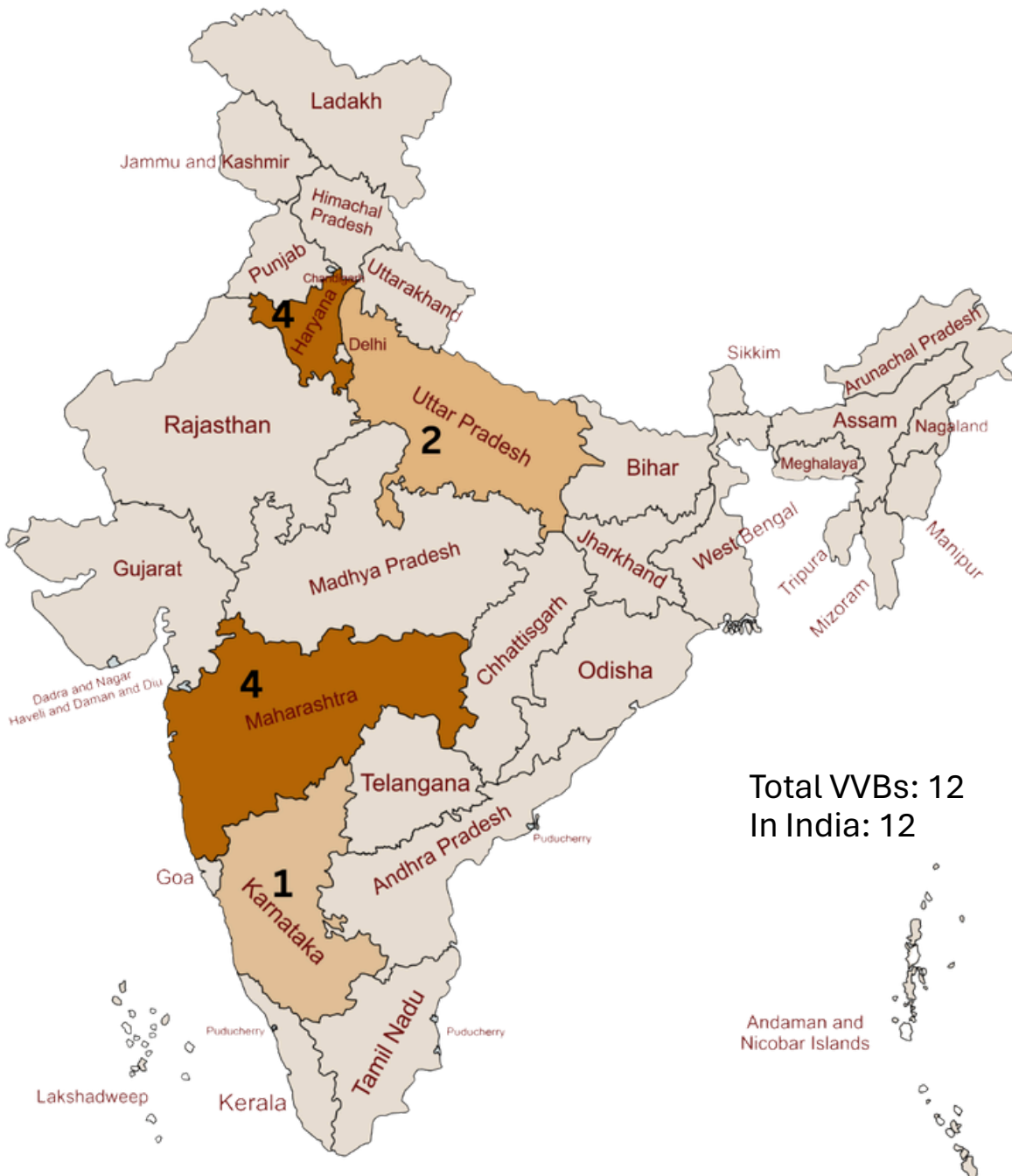


Total IBs : 149
In India : 143
Outside India : 6

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.

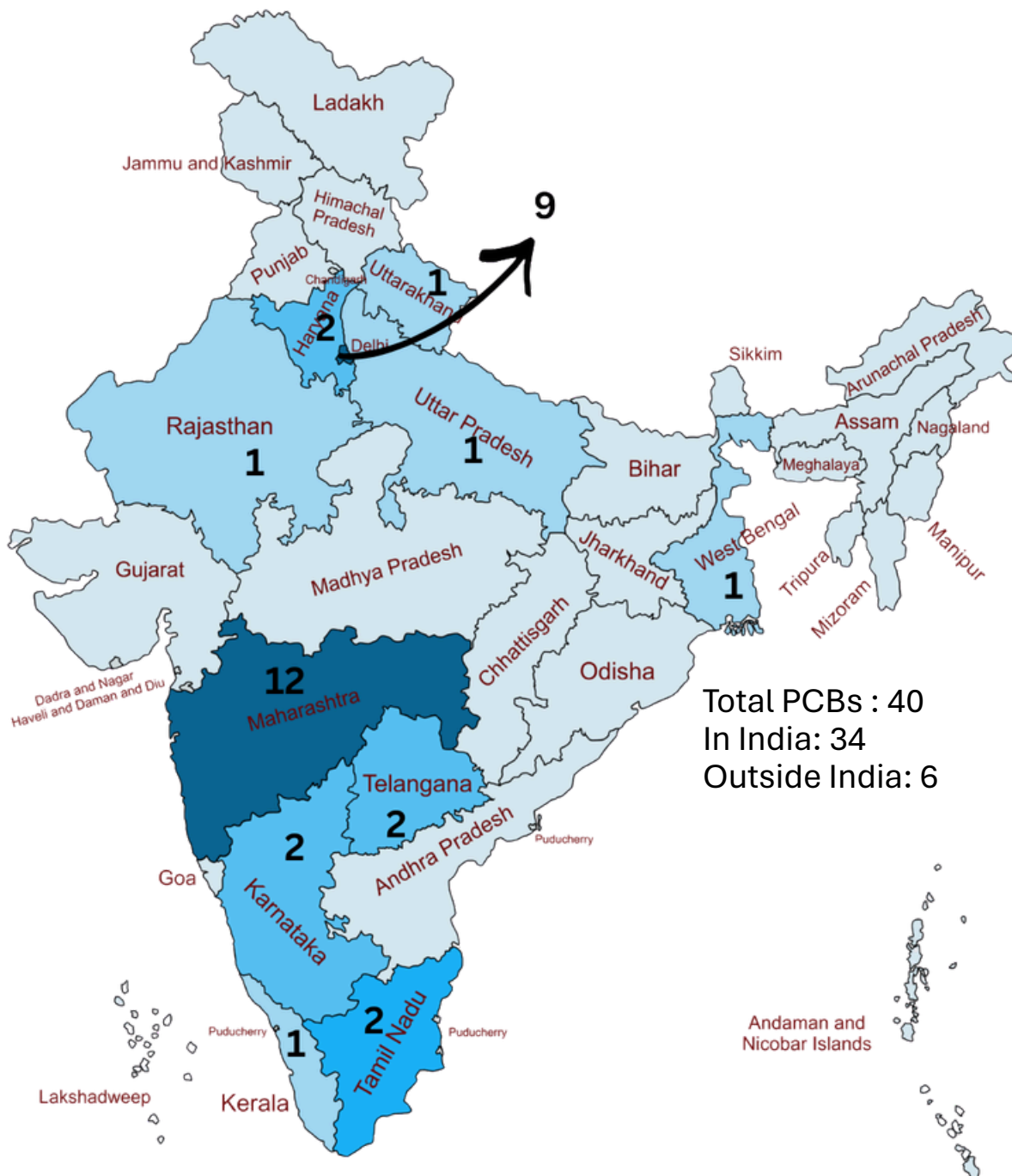


Total VVBs: 12
In India: 12

Accredited Product Certification Bodies Across India

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

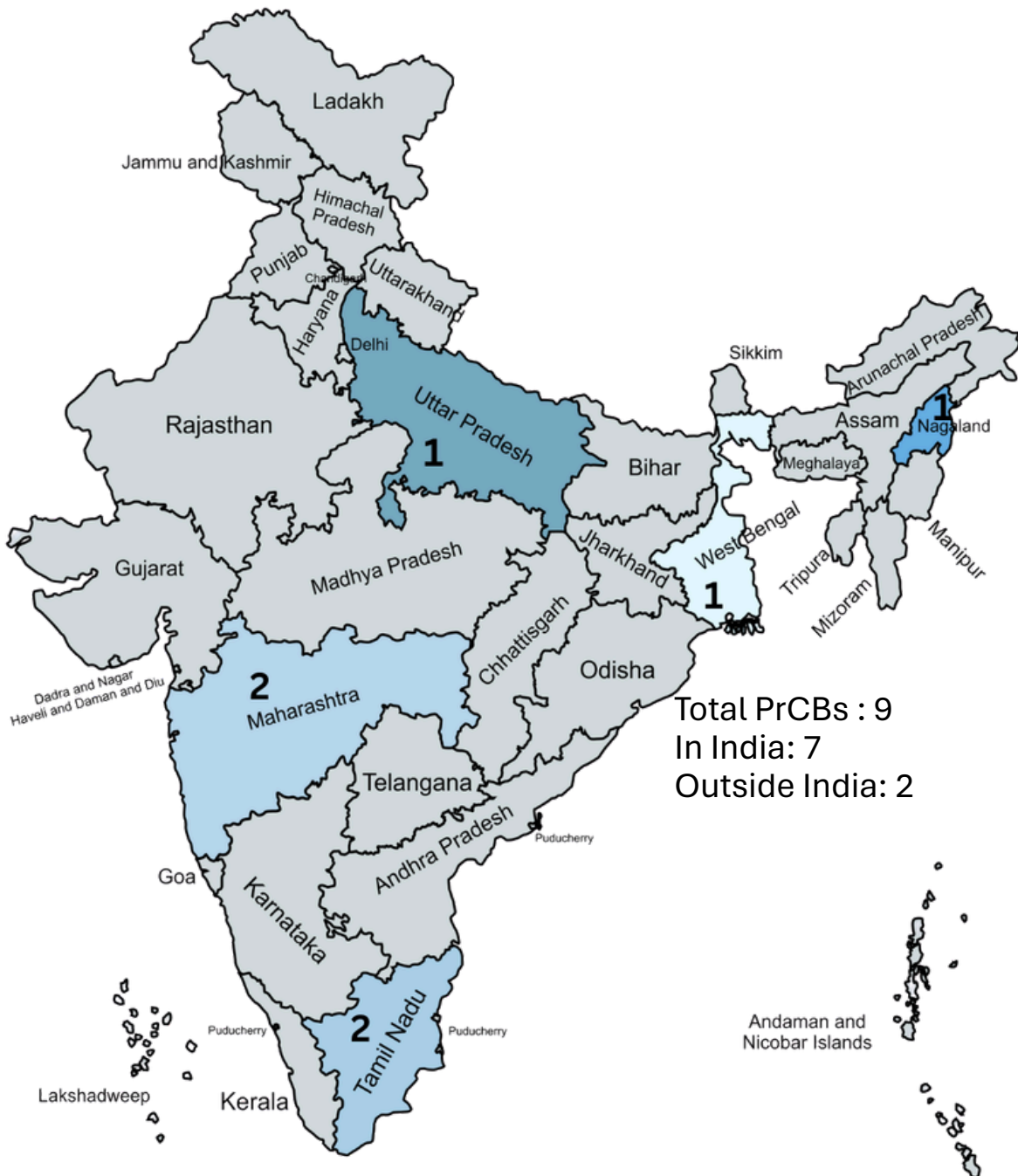
The map below displays the state-wise presence of NABCB-Accredited Product Certification Bodies (PCB) across India.



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

Aerospace Quality Management System (AQMS)

The Aerospace Quality Management System (AQMS) scheme is an Industry Controlled Other Party (ICOP) Scheme governed globally by the International Aerospace Quality Group (IAQG), which establishes and maintains this certification scheme for Aviation, Space and Defense organizations as per AS 9100-series of standards.

NABCB is an IAQG Approved Accreditation body in India to provide Accreditation in AQMS Scheme. NABCB has accredited 4 Certification bodies for AQMS Scheme for AS 9100 Standard and these Certification bodies has certified 90+ Aerospace Suppliers.

In India, by implementation of this scheme NABCB ensures that the certification bodies comply with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-1, AS 9104-series standards, and applicable IAQG and IAF mandatory documents.

NABCB provides accreditation under AQMS scheme for the following certification standards:

- AS 9100: Quality Management Systems – Requirements for Aviation, space & Defense Organizations
- AS 9110: Quality Management Systems – Requirements for Aviation Maintenance Organizations
- AS 9120: Quality Management Systems- Requirements for Aviation, Space and Defense Distributors





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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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