

Cement : A Brief History

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Abstract: *This paper attempts to study the history, Evolution of Cement industry in India. Being one of the basic elements for setting up strong and healthy infrastructure, Cement plays a crucial role in economic development of any country. Having more than a hundred and fifty years history, it has been used extensively in construction of anything, from a small building to a mammoth multipurpose project. The history of the cement industry in India dates back to the 1889 when a Kolkata-based company started manufacturing cement from Argillaceous. But the industry started getting the organized shape in the early 1900s. In 1914, India Cements Company Ltd, was established in Porbandar Gujarat with a capacity of 10,000 tons. With the implementation of liberalisation policies of the government in 1991 followed by government's thrust on infrastructure development in the country, the pace of the growth of the cement industry has been unprecedented. At present India is the second largest cement producing country in the world, next only to China both in quality and technology. With the adoption of massive modernisation and assimilation of state-of-the-art technology, Indian cement plants are today the most energy- efficient and environment-friendly and are comparable to the best in the world in all respects, whether it is size of the kiln, technology, energy consumption or environment-friendliness. The economic development of every nation calls for construction activity on an extensive scale. Production of cement in the world has increased over the years.*

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