

**Press release**

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# Her Royal Highness Princess Astrid of Belgium inaugurates Bekaert's state-of-the-art concrete expertise center in India

**Bekaert is proud to announce the inauguration of its new India Concrete Expertise Centre, a cutting-edge facility dedicated to advancing the concrete industry through innovative research and development of fibre reinforced concrete applications. The signing ceremony took place in New Delhi in the presence of HRH Princess Astrid of Belgium, who is presiding over the Belgian Economic Mission to India, and members of the Bekaert Group Executive.**

Bekaert's new concrete expertise center, located in its plant in Lonand, is equipped with state-of-the-art technology and is the first lab in the world to test the use of steel fibers to reinforce spray concrete. The initiative is expected to significantly benefit the construction industry in India and beyond. By fostering collaboration and leveraging advanced technologies, the expertise center will accelerate the development of sustainable and high-performance fiber reinforced concrete solutions that will shape the future of construction. The official opening in Lonand will take place on 5 March in the presence of local officials.

Eric Peeters, Divisional CEO Sustainable Construction: "This concrete lab represents a major milestone in our commitment to driving innovation and excellence in the construction industry. It is a great honor to Bekaert that HRH Princess Astrid officially inaugurates our expertise center during the Belgian Economic Mission to India."

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