

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the role of NCCD?

National Centre for Cold-chain Development functions as The Nodal Agency for cold chain development in India. NCCD recommends standards and protocols for cold chain infrastructure/building including post-harvest management so as to harmonize with international standards and best practices and suggest mechanism for benchmarking and certification of infrastructure/building, process and services provided by cold chain industry.

How often does NCCD select new members?

Members will be selected by the selection committee every quarter. Membership Applications shall be reviewed by a selection committee which shall meet in the first 10 days of every quarter and monthly from February to April.

What are the benefits of joining NCCD?

Yes, there are various benefits of joining NCCD, mentioned below:

- Representation for understanding of existing policy points.
- Facilitation in promotion of model concepts.
- Participation in interactive conclaves and grass root capacity building initiatives.
- Undertaking pilot projects and success stories quantified for excellence awards.
- Assistance with best practices and benchmark modeling.
- Inter-industry liaison as required.
- Provision of training activities and knowledge repository
- Interactions related to policy interventions and systemic feedback
- Participation in partnering promotional & collaboration activities (seminars and conclaves at least twice a year)

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Does NCCD hold regular events?

No, NCCD does not hold regular events on our own. NCCD will host partnering promotional events and collaboration activities like seminars and conclaves at least twice a year. NCCD will also participate in industry events related to cold chain sector.

Will there be future revisions to terms and fees?

Yes, The Governing Council reserves the right to revise the membership fee at any time without giving any notice to the Members. The Governing Council also reserves the right to revise the membership terms and conditions at any time for subsequent calendar year(s). Such revisions if any shall be announced on an annual basis as far as practicable.

What are the opportunities to member categories?

There is an array of opportunities for all the member categories of NCCD, some of which are:

- Members would receive invites conferences & events held or sponsored by NCCD.
- Members will have opportunity to propose innovative models, case studies, viability gap mitigation solutions and other sector based best practices. Various excellence award criteria shall be assessed from submissions.
- Members would receive access to legislative and compliance information including guidance and advice, sample forms and policies.
- Members would have option to stage their ideas and concepts in special sessions at NCCD seminars and face Q&A from attendees.
- Members would be invited to share their guidance and review submissions on existing and proposed policy interventions. Select submissions would be personally presented to policy makers by such members.
- Selected Members would have option to represent NCCD at various interaction programmes domestic and international.

Are there any restrictions to becoming a member of NCCD?

Yes, submission of membership proforma with the application fees shall not imply acceptance as member by NCCD.

NCCD reserves the right to reject any application received. Applications for membership shall be reviewed and approved by the selection committee.

Members must be user stakeholders of cold-chain systems or have interest in applied research and studies in this field. Individuals of notable domain experience will be nominated to technical committees of NCCD for taking up specific tasks or policy guidance.

Annexure-II: Table of Benefits

Benefits / Support Option	Member Category					
	R	I	C	A	G	F*
Quarterly Journal	●	●	●	●	●	●
News Service – web portal	●	●	●	●	●	●
Web based Knowledge platform (Technical Literature from Partners)	●	●	●	●	●	●
Market Information and Research	●	●	●	●	●	●
Genesis Events (Visits to Processing, Production and farm-gate)	●	□	□	●	●	●
Opus Events (Visits to Distribution hubs, cold storage sites)	●	□	□	●	●	●
Reach-in Forum (Internal regional interaction, Local chapters)	●	□	●	●	●	●
Reach-out Forum (Seminars & Conferences, Promotions and trainings)	●	□	●	●	●	●
Look-ahead Forum (Committees, Member Conclaves, think tank)	●	□	●		●	●
Student Interactions (Industry interaction at member premises)	●	□	□	●	□	□
Testing & Research Labs (Regional)	●	□	□			
Curriculum Setting and Academic courses	□		●	●	●	□
Training & Skill upgradation	□	□	●	●	●	□
Setting Standards, Protocols & Best Practises	□	□	●	●	●	●
Policy Making & Proposals (Interactions with NCCD)	●	●	●		●	●
Compliance Service (Selected Project based)			●	□	●	□
Students Exchange Programs (Domestic and Foreign)	●					
International Training programs with partners	●		●	●	●	
Mentoring Platform				●		□
Cold-chain Excellence Awards	●	□	●	●	●	●
Representation for Self-help Groups		□			●	
Support for Pilot Projects	●		●		●	
Inter-industry Liaison	●	□	●		●	
Technology Promotion	●		●			●
Operations modelling & Growth Planning	□		●		●	□
Exhibitions, Promotions, Collaboration	●	□	●	●	●	
General Council representation	●	●	●			
NCCD Ambassadors						●

* Honorary members

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Member Beneficiary	●
Activity Partner	□

Category	R Resource Institution	I Industry Body	C Individual Company	G Groups	A Associate	F Fellow
Member Criterion (details in note)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reputable Learning & Training Centres Regulatory and Compliance bodies. Centres of Excellence From Fields inter alia of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cold chain - supply chain refrigeration infrastructure & solutions design agri-business, management, finance & economics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institutional Trade Representation - Trade Bodies representing groups / sectors / associations of commercial enterprises. and- Public Sector Units, Apex Institutions, Port & Airport authorities. 	Companies with existing or proposed business interests in this sector, registered under companies act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperatives, FPOs, FPCs, Growers Associations & Self-help Groups, Consumer & Retailer Groups Social Enterprises and NPOs (Not for Profit Organisations) Student groups. 	Individuals including students with interest in field of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cold Chain Supply chain Solution design & Infrastructure Agri Business, -management, -finance. 	Past business or public office of esteem in inter alia fields and has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrated avid interest in cold chain in publications, etc; or Written dissertations or articles in associated fields, cited in studies; or Public acclaim, capable of serving as ambassador; or 'Category-A' member recommended by GC or by two other fellows of NCCD.
Voting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
GC Representative	Yes (2)	Yes (2)	Yes (2)	Yes (2)	Yes (2)	NA
Benefits / Contribution/ Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training and educational activities Student interactions with cold chain industry. Relevant research activities of NCCD. Exchange programs. Setting up of testing and research labs. Representation at knowledge & research institutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in partnering of activities. To record industry studies & proactive suggestions. Studied interactions on future policy interventions. Partnering in institutional development interactions. Conducting sectoral analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertaking pilot projects. Assistance with best practises and benchmark modelling. Inter-industry liaison. Training activities and knowledge repository. Joint Promotion of technology / services. Interactions related to policy interventions and systemic feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance for understanding of existing policy points. Facilitation in promotion of model concepts. Access to conclaves, events and seminars. Participation in Grass root capacity building initiatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training activities and knowledge repository. Access to conclaves, events and seminars. Resource team for appraisal and approval based tasks. Access to Category-F members for mentorship. Networking and liaison with industry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honorary title Fellow of NCCD would be given to Category I members or other luminaries of the industry. Think tank of choice for NCCD. Mentoring relations with students. Brand ambassador, represents NCCD.
Designee	One	Two	Two	One	Self	Self
SPOC	Same as Designee	One	One	Same as Designee	Same as Designee	Same as Designee
Membership Fees	At discretion of GC.	Rs75,000/annum or Rs 500,000 (One Time)	Rs 50,000/annum or Rs 400,000 (One Time).	Turnover <5 lakhs – Nil Others – 10,000/annum	Rs 10,000/annum	NA