



## THE CURRENT TREND OF CONVERTING AGRICULTURAL/SUGARCANE BAGASSES WASTE INTO BRICK

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### ABSTRACT

Bricks are a popular building and construction material used all over the world. Historic bricks are made of clay and fired at high temperatures, or from ordinary Portland cement (OPC) concrete, and have a high embodied energy and a huge carbon footprint. There is already a scarcity of natural source material for the production of traditional bricks in many parts of the world. Bricks remain to be an important element in the infra structure development sector for hundreds of decades. Despite of having a wide variation of manufacturing methods, bricks are well known for their energy intensive firing-based manufacturing process which includes a huge environmental footprint. Several innovative techniques towards producing sustainable bricks and many investigations were attempted to reduce the carbon emission while manufacturing bricks. Extensive study on the bricks made from agro waste materials has been performed for environmental protection and sustainable development. This document provides an up-to-date research of research on the use of agro waste materials to make bricks. Although a wide range of agro waste materials have been investigated for use in the production of bricks using various processes, commercial production of bricks from agro waste materials is still quite limited. The methods for creating bricks from agro waste materials, the potential contamination from the agro waste materials utilized, and the lack of necessary information are all possible factors.

However, commercial production of agro waste-derived bricks is currently quite limited. The processes for creating agro waste-based bricks, the potential contamination from the agro waste materials utilized, the lack of applicable standards, and the tardy acceptance of trash-based bricks by industry and the general public are all possible explanations. Further research and development is required for widespread production and application of agro waste-derived bricks, not only in terms of technical, economic, and environmental aspects, but also in terms of standardization, government policy, and public education related to waste recycling and sustainable development.

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## 1. Introduction

India is one among the fastest growing economies in the globe, which in turn makes India, being one of the top waste generating nations. Many government policies, schemes, programs and missions are launched to handle the solid waste management issues in India effectively. The Basic Services to Urban Poor (BSUP), Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG) were the notable initiatives which brought up some serious changes in the existing scenario [1]. Despite of Government initiatives in managing waste, India still emerges sal and of encountering versatile waste streams that are generated from different industrial sectors. Construction and demolition waste (C&DW) is growing as a significant urban contributor to the overall solid waste generation in India. C&DW generation in Indian cities hits up to 1300 kg/m<sup>2</sup> which is almost equal to that of a Chinese city with C&DW generation of 1360 kg/m<sup>2</sup> thus needs more attention [2]. Regarding the handling of waste water generation in India, majority of the waste water treatment plants are disposing their generated sludge in dump yards and in landfill sites. In fact, a gap is noticed between the effective management of the sewage sludge produced and the recovered energy from them. However, energy recovery from the sewage sludge has a huge potential to reduce the cost of land filling and transportation operation [3]. Around 620 million tones of agricultural waste are generated annually, of which, only up to 30% is effectively utilized in energy generation and in lives to ck feeding. Remaining 70% (434million tones) of annually produced agricultural waste becomes a part of municipal solid waste that either goes to landfill or burnt [4]. Considering the different waste related sectors and the deficiency in between waste generation and its effective management, considering utilization of the waste streams in the alternative construction brick development becomes a bright strategy [5]. Burnt and unburnt bricks are the basic and primarily adopted construction material in masonry works. Bricks are manufactured either by burning the dried clay mass or by compressing cum curing the cementitious mass. Under the umbrella of sustainable brick development, along with the economic and environmental concerns, focus on the people typically involve in different brick manufacturing processes should also be given. A typical brick industry promotes employability to both skilled and unskilled labors. On average, a brick manufacturing plant employs 980 labors in Eastern India with the wages fixed

either monthly or per 1000. For a long time, bricks have been a popular building and construction material. The first usage of dried clay bricks was in 8000 BC, while the first use of burnt clay bricks was around 4500 BC. Brick production is currently over 1391 billion pieces per year worldwide, with demand expected to continue to rise. Ordinary Portland cement (OPC) concrete or clay is used to make traditional bricks. Quarrying for clay uses a lot of energy, has a negative impact on the environment, and produces a lot of waste. Kiln burning at high temperatures consumes a lot of energy and emits a lot of greenhouse gases [52].

### 1.1. Scope of the Problem:-

The global use of natural clay in the brick manufacturing sector has resulted in a significant depletion of clay resources. The scientists were motivated to seek out novel materials and/or harness and capitalize on the byproducts generated from various environmental activities [1, 2]. The qualities of the raw materials and the procedures and techniques used have a substantial impact on the quality of bricks. The characteristics of bricks are influenced by the presence of numerous ingredients, such as SiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CaO, and iron oxide, which are found in clay in different proportions [3]. Various agricultural and industrial byproducts, such as rice husk ash (RHA), sugarcane bagasse ash (SCBA), water sludge (WS), high pulverized fly ash (HPFA), sawdust ash (SDA), sunflower ash (SFA), wheat stalk ash (WSA), Corn Straw Ash (CSA), Physalis Pith Ash (PPA), and Coir Pith Ash (CPA), among others, have been identified as potential pozzolanic materials [4–13]. Numerous scientific studies conducted in the United States, China, Brazil, and Egypt have examined the potential use of water treatment sludge or alum sludge, which has significant clay content, in various industrial contexts.

Several studies have explored the potential use of sludge in the production process of bricks [14, 15]. The inorganic constituents found in alum sludge have resemblance to those found in clay, therefore enabling the incorporation of alum sludge into the production of bricks [16]. The addition of unfavourable glass sludge results in a significant increase in compressive strength, with improvements ranging from around 20–24%. According to reference [17], it has the potential to reduce overall porosity and decrease expenses. Several studies [14, 15] have explored the potential use of alum sludge as a substitute or complete replacement for clay in the brick-making sector. Several studies have examined

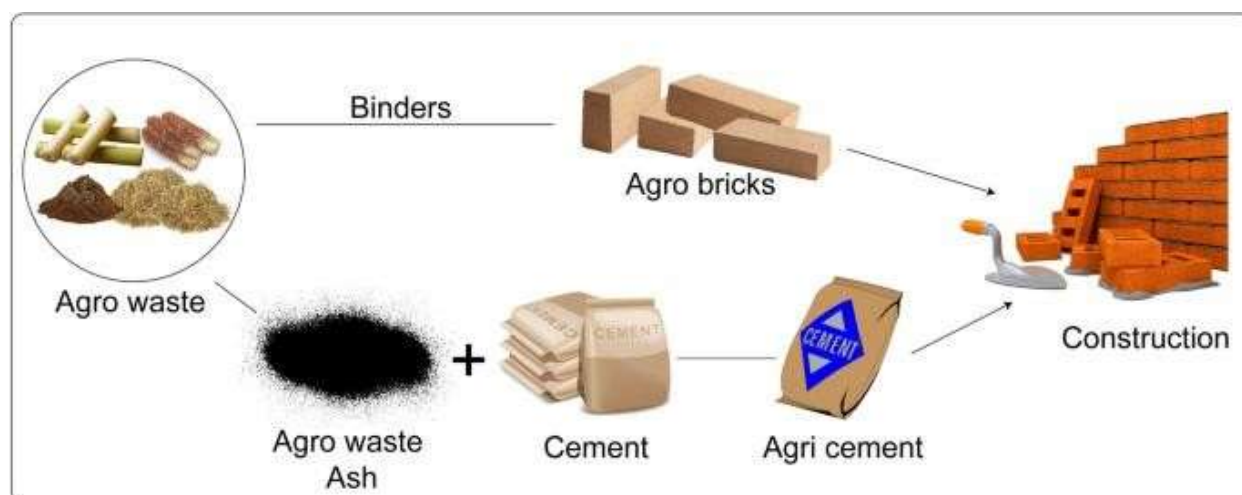
different percentages of sludge mixed with clay in certain scenarios. The findings indicated that a sludge concentration of 50% was determined to be the optimal proportion for the production of bricks using sludge-clay mixtures [15]. Studies have shown that one way to make better use of sludge from water treatment plants is to see if it can be used instead of other waste materials with a high silica concentration, like rice husk ash, to make bricks [18, 19]. A substantial volume of dredged sludge may be acquired by the process of dredging rivers, oceans, and reservoirs. The dredged sludge has similarities to sludge obtained from several facilities. Various forms of waste materials have been identified as potential resources for the manufacturing of red clay bricks [20–22]. The integration of waste by-products into the manufacturing process of clay bricks effectively reduces environmental pollution, namely air pollution resulting from the dumping of agricultural and other waste materials in open landfills. Moreover, it often offers the opportunity to achieve a superior level of brick performance. As a result, the use of agricultural by-products such as sugarcane bagasse and rice husk ashes has been shown to enhance the process of brick manufacturing [23]. The global annual rice output is estimated to be between 800 and 1000 million tons [24]. Globally, bricks serve as a prominent construction material, possibly dating back to ancient times. Since around 3000 BC, with the advent of human settlement, bricks have emerged as a noteworthy construction material because of their durability, malleability, and practicality. This development allowed people to successfully shield themselves from environmental factors such as rain, wind, and potential threats from animals. Historically, the production of bricks included manual molding and sun-drying, resulting in bricks with rather delicate characteristics. However, a significant

development occurred circa 2500 BC with the introduction of burnt bricks, enabling the construction of larger-scale structures [25].

The progression of brick development has persisted in several nations throughout time, particularly with the onset of industrialization in 1830. The invention of a brick press by Augustus Virebent sparked this advancement. The emergence of brick industries occurred in conjunction with the Industrial Revolution, when they began to consolidate into factory settings, resulting in a significant expansion of production [26].

Bricks have been consistently used in the construction of structures due to their notable physical, mechanical, and thermal characteristics, particularly their robustness, longevity, and density [27, 28]. Hence, it is essential to develop a novel material that exhibits enhanced performance in terms of thermal and mechanical properties. To make it easier to get these improvements, one could add particles to the clay mixture. These particles would create holes while the clay is being burned, which would change the bricks' properties in a good way.

In contemporary times, and particularly over the last two decades, there has been a notable prevalence in the use of waste materials for this specific objective [29]. This proposed approach presents an alternate method for repurposing waste materials rather than disposing of them via dumping or incineration, with the added benefit of improving the thermal and mechanical characteristics of bricks. Furthermore, given the growing prevalence of eco-friendly goods, there is a potential interest in developing a material that not only contributes to environmental well-being but also maintains the necessary performance standards [30].



**Fig.1. conversion process of agro waste in construction materials**

## 2. The Conversion Process:-

There are many techniques for the conversion of agricultural waste into bricks. These procedures may be categorized into three distinct steps: The process has three main stages: preparation of raw ingredients, proportioning and mixing, and molding and curing.

The first phase of the process is the collection, categorization, and preparation of the agricultural waste materials. In order to eliminate excessive moisture, it is necessary to dry organic wastes such as crop stalks, bagasse, straws, and husks. Additionally, these residues may need fragmentation via the use of a crusher or grinder to achieve smaller particle sizes.

The process of proportioning and mixing involves the combination of agricultural waste and a binder, such as clay or cement, in predetermined ratios. The use of agricultural waste serves as a source of fiber reinforcement, with the binder playing a crucial role in binding these fibers together. The mixture ratio exhibits variability;

however, it is customary to use an agro-waste to binder ratio of either 1:2 or 1:3.

The process of molding and curing involves shaping a combination of agricultural waste and binder into bricks using a mold. The green bricks that are obtained as a consequence are either air-dried for a few days or subjected to kiln drying. After the drying process, it is possible to enhance the strength and durability of these bricks by subjecting them to an optional firing in a kiln. The research has also investigated the use of bio-enzymes, natural fillers, and bacterial agents to augment the characteristics of the bricks. The selection of the appropriate process is contingent up on the exact kind of agricultural waste used and the intended characteristics sought in the resultant bricks. However, it is important to align the chosen approach with the established norms and standards for building materials in order to guarantee the safety and efficacy of the end products.

**Table 1** Summary of previous research works about bricks with alternative materials [49].

S.No	Waste materials focused	Time line Coverage	Summary of findings	Review Works
1.	Fuel wastes: sewage sludge, paper industry sludge, saw dust, wool wash water treatment sludge, waste from tanning industries, coconut pith, coal mining wastes, petroleum cokes; fly ash; Fluxing waste: waste from ceramic tile and plating industries; Plasticity reducing waste: basalt dust, brick chamotte, cement dust, gravel washing sludge, refractory chamotte, cement waste; Plastifying waste: drilling muds, sand washing sludge, mining waste, bauxite processing waste	1977–1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to savings in combustion energy, carbon rich waste materials are most preferable.</li> <li>• Utilizing waste materials also induces toxicity leaching and additional cost for transportation.</li> </ul>	[50] 91 references
2.	Glass Plastic waste Municipal waste Sludge Slag Coal ash Biomass ash	1934–2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brick manufacturing methods were classified into firing, geopolymerization and cementing.</li> <li>• Regarding sustainability point of view, geopolymerization scores more than remaining two methods.</li> <li>• Geopolymerization based clay brick research was said to be promising leads.</li> </ul>	[55] 137 references
3.	Sludge Residues of pulp Tobacco Paper waste.	1980–2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reusing solid waste is suggested as cost effective replacement for fired clay bricks.</li> <li>• The bricks made with recycled contents shown enhanced physical properties such as thermal behaviour, low density, water absorption and porosity.</li> </ul>	[51] 53 references
4.	Paper waste Tobacco residue Grass Cotton waste Saw dust and Rice husk ash.	1983–2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waste materials from agro processes possess lesser thermal conductivity, durable but cheaper, light in weight and eco friendly.</li> <li>• Agro waste materials are having significance regarding practicality of reusing.</li> </ul>	[54] 63 references
5.	Solid wastes from agricultural and industrial wastestreams	1977–2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-structural and structural wall application, minimum compressive</li> </ul>	[52] 66 references

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6.	<p>Solid wastes frommunicipal and industrial wastestreams</p>	1951–2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When producing unfiredbricks,thedemandforraw material reconstitutionresultsinbetterdensityandstrength. •Brickssthat havebeenautoclavedhaves howedpromisingoutcomesintermsofweight reduction, energyefficiency, andinsulatingqualities. •Stabilizedearth blocks were shown to be a superior substituteforburntbricks, butonlywhenthey containednomorethan10% cement.</li> </ul>	[56] 138 references
7.	<p>Solidwastesfromagricultural andindustrial wastestreams</p>	1996–2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possibilityofrecyclingwasteintobrickmanufacturingiseasierbut harderincommercialization.</li> <li>• Cementingmethodremains better than firingmethod in view of globalwarmingissue.</li> </ul> <p>Hydration, porosity andstrengthofcementitiousmaterialsdecide thequalityofbricksincementing andtemperature, loss on ignition and ratio ofwastematerialsinfiringprocess.</p>	[53] 98 references

### 3. Production of bricks by achieving waste incorporation

In this section, brick manufacturing methods using various wastes including sludge, agro waste, plastic waste, industrial waste-solid waste emerging from different industrial activities and construction and demolition waste were reviewed. The research includes the material choices, mix and waste replacement ratio, impact of waste addition on physico-mechanical characteristics of the manufactured bricks.

The residues that are generated in crop cultivation processes are termed as agro waste. Due to the diverse practices in agricultural activities, India stands as the next largest country to China, second on the globe, with over 500 million tons of annual agro waste generation [57]. Due to the increased load to municipal wastestream on one hand and the caused air pollution through burning of crop residues on the other, increased the agricultural sector demand for more efficient practices for their waste handling and management. Comparative study was performed to assess the recycling potential of wheat husk and sugarcane bagasse in producing the bio-bricks and bio-brick panels [58]. The study was focusing more on product design aspect for developing eco-friendly building material with agro wastes rather than

assessing the structural suitability of the bio bricks in load bearing. The results explained that sugarcane bagasse waste-based bio-bricks and bio-panels are better than wheat husk-based bio-bricks in compression strength and water absorption. However, the research clarified that the bio products made from wheat husk and sugarcane bagasse exhibited similar thermal insulation property. Alternative fly ash brick manufacturing method was investigated by partially replacing corn cob ash with cement [59]. The partial replacement ratios attempted were 10%, 20% and 30%. Physical characteristics of the produced bricks were assessed. The presence of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and SiO<sub>2</sub> in corn cob ash helped to replace the cement suitably. The results proved that 10% corncob ash can successfully replace the cement in making fly ash bricks. It was noted that the replacement ratios beyond 10% resulted in decreasing compressive strength and increasing water absorption. Sugarcane bagasse ash (SBA) in fused energy efficient bricks were made and analyzed for their suitability for load bearing units [60]. Mix ratios (in %) attempted were: 80–0–20, 75–5–20, 70–10–20, 65–15–20, 60–20–20, 55–25–20 and 50–30–20 as SBA-quarry dust-lime respectively. The bricks were made and tested as per Indian standards. Physico-chemical properties



confirmed the suitability of SBA for pozzolanic material replacement. Further, thermo gravimetric analysis showed that SBA can be stable at higher temperature up to 650°C. The mechanical

properties of bricks proved that mix ratio of 50–30–20% (SBA-quarry dust-lime) satisfied the requirements of IS: 2185 (Part 1) SP:21 for building materials.

**Table.2. Different compositions for constructive materials:**

S.NO	Composition	Water absorption rate (%)	Compressive strength (MPa)	Ref.
1.	Cement, Sand, Paint Waste, Water	13.8-20.0	8.74	[32]
2.	Small pieces of SCB, SAND	24-30.5	2.09-2.12	[33]
3.	Parali, Recycled aggregates, Sand, Cement	27	1.38	[34]
4.	Parali, Sand, Cement, PET	16.86	0.71	[34]
5.	Recycled Aggregates, Sand, Cement, LDPE	12	-	[34]
6.	SCBA, Cement, Aggregates	-	1.68-3.04	[35]
7.	Clay, Sludge, Saw dust, sugarcane bagasse (SCB), and Corn Stalk (CS)	27.40-27.80	47.5-48.5	[36]
8.	Desert clay, Waste building bricks, Waste glass, Agricultural residue obtained from Wheat & Sugarcane cultivation.	13.32-20.08	19.12	[37]
9.	Bagasse ash, Clay, Water, Sand, Admixture	13.89-16.26	2.35-4.55	[38]
10.	Clay, Sand, Oat Husk (OH), Barley Husk Middlings (BHM)	7.3-49.2	0.8-29.5	[39]
11.	Clay, SCBA	13.1-22.7	10.53-24.47	[40]
12.	Clay, Sugarcane bagasse	27	7.96	[41]
13.	Clay, Coconut husk	34	10.4	[41]
14.	Clay, Grass	32	9.84	[41]
15.	Clay, Sand, Olive core flour, Wheat straw	25-32	2.5-7.2	[42]
16.	Clay soil, Coconut fibre (CF) and Empty fruit bunch of palm oil	21.82-34.43	0.96-6.97	[43]
17.	Wastewater treatment sludge, Lime mud, Grits	22-27	1.51-3.23	[44]
18.	Clay, Sand, Water, Wheat straw, Sunflower seed cake and Olive stone flour	17.8-24.1	-	[45]
19.	Clay, SCBA, an alternative fluxing agent	11-18	3.5-15	[46]
20.	Cement dust, Clay, Rice straw	-	1.3-2.5	[47]

Additionally, the bricks were attaining 60% energy efficiency and passed the TCLP test for environment compatibility. Impacts of addition of agricultural solid wastes on the physico-mechanical and porous properties of fired ceramics were studied [61]. Barley husk, oat husk and millings were mixed in place of clay in different proportions 5%, 10% and 20%. It was found that addition of agricultural solid waste helped in reducing the drying shrinkage and post firing shrinkage. Micro structural analysis confirmed that due to stabilization of drying process and the pore structure formation, initial water absorption is reduced and early compressive strength is improved. Results stated that the replacement of 10% produced eco-friendly clay bricks confirming to standards. With the aim of developing sustainable construction material, recycling of agro-industrial wastes in the manufacturing of bricks were investigated [62]. Cocoa shell saw dust, sugarcane and rice husk were added in different proportions in place

of clay (5%, 10% and 20%) to assess the influence on physico-mechanical properties of produced bricks under sintering. It was noted that the open porosity of the ceramic bodies increased due to the fact that agro wastes are highly organic in nature. The results confirmed that 10% cocoa shell and 90% clay produced sustainable bricks which was claimed to meet the standards. The reason found to be was the emergence of oily films from cocoa shells acted as lubricants and supported the development of denser clay product, increased the compression strength. Fibrous tea waste replaced the raw clay in the manufacturing of sintered and unburnt bricks [63]. The impact of tea waste in the development of pore spaces in case of fired bricks and bonding characteristics in case of unfired bricks were assessed. The replacement ratios were 2.5% and 5% on weight basis. While the presence of waste was increasing, the brick's density was reported to be decreased due to loss on ignition. The waste added bricks exhibited increased water absorption

beyond 18% but no black coring was reported. Compressive strength of fired bricks is more (22.7 MPa) than unfired bricks (7.5 MPa). The physico-mechanical characteristics of the final produce concluded that the processed tea-waste can be utilized as an effective porous substance in the production of burnt bricks. Sugarcane bagasse ash (SBA) and rice husk ash (RHA) were assessed for their effective utilization in the development of clay bricks [64]. SBA and RHA were mixed partially with clay in the ratio of 5% each by weight. The modified bricks were tested and compared against the control bricks. The modified bricks yielded 6% lesser weight compared to control bricks. Even though the compressive strength of modified bricks was reported to be reducing with the addition of SBA and RHA, the final produced bricks met the standards of Pakistan for least requirement of compression strength (5 MPa). Similarly, the flexural strength of modified bricks met the ASTM standards for masonry units. Water absorption test indicated that the final produce can be only utilized in moderate weather regions due to its higher water absorption. Since the addition of SBA and RHA helped in reducing the calcium (Ca) and iron oxide (FeO) levels in the bricks, the efflorescence has significantly reduced too. The modified bricks have also showed environmental compatibility. Crystalline silica rich sugarcane bagasse ash (SBA) was attempted to replace the clay in the development of sustainable bricks [65]. The mixing ratios were kept as 5%, 10%, 15% and 20%. The proportions [66] Mix ratios kept were 5%, 10%, 15%. The modified bricks were tested for durability and mechanical characteristics. The outcomes confirmed that the 5% replacement of clay with SBA and RHA coincide with the statutory limits of Pakistan for masonry bricks. Waste biomasses from agricultural activities such as wheat straw (WS), sunflower seed cake (SSC) and olive stone flour (OSF) were partially mixed in different proportions, 4% and 8%, in place of clay for the development of sintered bricks [67]. The physico-mechanical characteristics of the produced bricks have shown that 4% addition of SSC and OSF resulted in increased porosity (23%), reduced bending strength (<10 MPa) and reduced thermal conductivity (0.38 W/m.K). SSC and OSF were recommended as the sustainable additives in clay brick manufacturing if life cycle analysis of the bricks is performed. Woody agricultural biomasses such as grapes, cherries seeds, saw dust and sugarcane ash were added in

place of clay in different proportions and tested for its suitability as construction bricks [68]. The technological tests conducted on the modified bricks highlighted that the addition ratio up to 5% gave positive results. Grapes and cherry seeds provided improvements in mechanical properties where sugarcane ash helped to reduce the shrinkage and led to no weight loss. New type of fired clay bricks was investigated for the enhanced thermal performance by the addition of waste tea (WT), corn cob (CC) and rice husk (RH) separately [69]. The mixed ratio of RH, CC, WT attempted were 2.5%, 5% and 10%. The produced bricks were manufactured and tested according to relevant ASTM standards. The shrinkage test revealed that the addition of waste did not help in reducing the shrinkage but in contrast it increased, which was due to the high requirement of water content. The agricultural wastes helped in making the bricks less dense. Corn cob with 10% mixing proportion produced bricks with lowest density, 1186 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. Straight correlation between increasing waste addition and decreasing water absorption was noticed. CC bricks with 2.5% addition showed lowest water absorption of 12.62% compared to the 11.59% of control bricks. Increasing of waste addition eventually decreased the compressive strength of the modified bricks. 2.5% addition of all the selected waste materials produced bricks with the required minimum compressive strength of 5 N/mm<sup>2</sup>. Thermal conductivity of all the modified bricks with all the mix proportions resulted in satisfied thermal conductivity. Out of the mix propositions, 2.5% addition of RH, CC and WT resulted in thermal conductivity which was almost equal to those of control bricks. Fired clay bricks were investigated for the enhanced structural performance by the addition of sugarcane bagasse (SB), empty fruit bunch (EFB) and coconut fiber (CF) separately [70]. The mixed ratio for EFB: CF: SB attempted were 2.5%: 5%: 10%. The produced bricks were manufactured and tested according to ASTM C 518, BS 3921: 1985. Physico-mechanical test results revealed that modified bricks had lesser density, increased water absorption, lesser compression strength and almost equal thermal conductivity. The reasons constituted were pore formation, higher moisture requirement, reduced presence of silica and higher porosity respectively. It was concluded that 5% addition of EFB and SB was recommended for non-load bearing wall construction bricks.

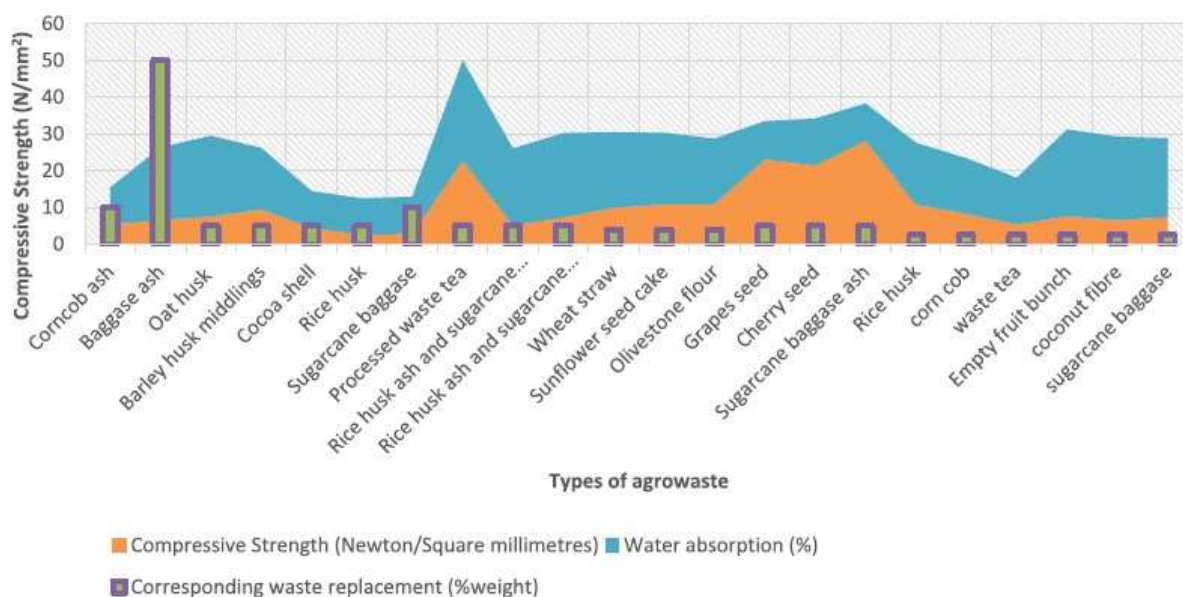


Fig. 2. Compressive strength and water absorption of bricks made with different agro waste [49].

#### 4. Impact of incorporation of agro waste materials for brick production on environment

Unlike sludges, being completely organic in nature, agro wastes yet exhibited more positive impacts on sustainable brick production. Biobricks which are prepared with agro wastes such as corncobs, sugarcane bagasse, rice husk and wheat husk as major ingredient shown better results regarding reduced thermal conductivity. This was due to the increase in total mass to volume of binder ratio. Furthermore, as the utilization of agro waste in brick production, the pre-existing practice of burning the agro waste is majorly prevented and thus led to carbonation aided atmosphere carbon fixation.

#### 5. Future Prospects of Agro-Waste Bricks/SCB in the Construction Industry

The potential outlook for agricultural waste bricks in the building sector is favorable due to many factors. The construction sector as an ongoing need for eco-friendly and sustainable building materials. Agro-waste bricks are an ideal solution that aligns well with the current need, therefore positioning them as a material with significant future prospects.

**Technological Advancements:** Due to continuous advancements in technology, it is anticipated that the conversion of agricultural waste into bricks will see enhanced efficiency and cost-effectiveness, making this alternative more appealing for wide spread implementation.

**Policy Support:** Governments worldwide are increasingly prioritizing environmental sustainability, resulting in policy reforms aimed at promoting the use of sustainable construction materials. These policies are expected to prioritize the use of agricultural waste bricks.

**Increasing Consumer Awareness:** Consumers are becoming more aware of the environmental consequences associated with building operations. The fore mentioned phenomenon leads to a rise in the need for sustainable construction materials and procedures, such as the use of agricultural waste bricks. However, the widespread implementation of agro-waste bricks is contingent upon effectively overcoming the obstacles related to their use. These factors include the maintenance of uniform quality, the establishment of effective manufacturing methods and procedures, the verification of long-term resilience, and the attainment of recognition for bricks within the building industry and regulatory entities. In summary, considering the continued need for sustainable building methods with improvements in technology and evolving legislative frameworks, the use of agro-waste bricks in the construction industry has considerable prospects.

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