

BACK TO SCHOOL – GLASSCHOOL!

A Unique Training Programme Organized by CCPS and FOSG

Gurgaon, Friday 22nd August 2014: Confederation of Construction Products and Services (CCPS) in association with Federation of Safety Glass (FOSG) organized a unique training programme for professionals at South Patio Club, South City 2, Gurgaon. The aim of the programme was to train people on 'Selection and Use of Glass in Buildings'



Mr. Sharanjit Singh, Chairman, GSC Glass Ltd. and Mr. Deepak Gahlowt, Architect and Director, Xebec interacting with the participants

Is Glass a material of future or is it a curse? The outcome of volcanic eruptions in the primitive times resulted in evolution of molten sand which was termed as Glass. Glass was initially used for decoration but it became really useful when it started getting perceived as something to look through. Is this fascinating transparency a material of future? Do you know this material? Did you know the difference between Tempered Glass and Laminated Glass? Did you know the measuring unit of Time? Friday morning saw keen students (professionals) trying

to make an attempt to answer the questions being proposed by industry stalwarts **Mr. Deepak Gahlowt**, Architect and Director, Xebec and **Mr. Sharanjit Singh**, Chairman, GSC Glass Limited. The occasion was "GlasSchool" a Training Workshop, a combined initiative by **Confederation of Construction Products and Services (CCPS)** and **Federation of Safety Glass (FOSG)**. The event was named as "GlasSchool – Learn & Execute", as the name goes it was entitled to imparting knowledge on every aspect of selection and use of glass

in buildings. The Training workshop invited young architects, veteran builders, business developers, and design and technical teams from across the North belt of the Country.

The school – GlasSchool began with learning about the basic concepts of/ on glass, different types of glass, processed types of glass, glass as a decorative material, wrong and right use of glass, examples relating the same by Mr. Sharanjit Singh. Mr. Singh kept showing videos to keep the audiences involved. He also performed a practical on the strength of glass by making an object (human)



Audience listening to the speaker

stand on it and explained the bending property of glass. He had a long alley of display which contained different varieties of glass.

Post the sumptuous lunch, came the dynamic Architect Deepak Gahlowt. Mr. Gahlowt described about the factors contributing for popularity and extensive use of glass in buildings particularly for aesthetic appeal, visibility, light transmission, light weight, changing life style and many more. The participants were informed about the manufacturing process of glass, availability of different types of glasses, their properties and uses, the impact on energy performance and acoustic effects. Further, the types of safety glasses, their uses and test requirements & selection of appropriate glass at critical locations where chances of injury are more was highlighted. The recommendations of the “Guidelines on Use of Glass in Buildings: Human Safety” to ensure human safety by using safety glasses and/or residual protection,

manifestation, measures for fire safety etc were explained in details.

The Training Workshop ended with rigorous question answer round where both the speaker answered each and every question of the group with utmost dedication, rationale and logic. They answered all the queries proposed by the eager audience from time to time. There were questions on specifications, differences on usage of glass and much more.

The learning day concluded and the attendees took away a complimentary copies of the Architectural Glass Guide and Guidelines on Use of Glass in Buildings: Human Safety. The attendees were thrilled and felt knowledgeable post the daylong session. One such was *Mr. Suresh Gadroo* from The International Committee of the Red Cross who said, “I came here as a Prospect, as a User of the building which has a glass component inside. This

kind of information I learned here is important for the industry and also for people who are related and non-related. Today when I leave I would know the technical aspects of glass, and more about safety of glass. I look forward to case studies and applications in the forthcoming workshops.” *Ms. Sushmita Gupta* from Tata Consulting Engineers felt that the Workshop was conducted in a very fruitful manner. She also found the way that it talked about raw materials and how the processing of glass is done with a focus more on India, more appealing. 51 participants from organizations like Saint Gobain Glass India Limited, Gujarat Guardian Limited, Nitson And Amitsu Private Limited, Mirage Toughened Glass Private Limited, Emaar MGF Developers, DLF cyber city Developers, HNG Float Glass, ICRC and Tata Consulting Engineers etc. attended the training program.

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