## **GlasSchool**

## by Confederation of Construction Products and Services (CCPS) & Federation of Safety Glass (FOSG)

onfederation of Construction Products and Services (CCPS) - a not for profit organization dedicated to the sustainable growth of construction products sector. CCPS has been active in the field of preparing standards and imparting trainings to the semi skilled, skilled workers or professionals.



CCPS organized a training program in association with Federation of Safety Glass (FOSG) on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2014 at South Patio Club, Gurgaon. 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. 51 participants including architects, builders, fabricators, glass processors professionals from Tata Consulting Engineers, DLF, Emaar MGF, Nitson and Amitsu, Access Design, Sohum Alufab, Purearth Infrastructure, Somfy India, Europlast, Rinox Kauffman, McCoy Soudal, SS Glass, Mirage Toughened Glass, Ridhi Sidhi, Gujarat Borosil, Saint Gobain,

Gold Plus, Gujarat Guardian, HNG Float Glass etc. attended the training program.

Mr. Deepak Gahlowt, Architect and Director, Xebec Design & Convener, CCPS and Mr. Sharanjit Singh, Chairman, GSC Glass Limited were the faculty for the training program. The school – GlasSchool began with

learning about the basic concepts 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) 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 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 speakers replied each and every query of the group with utmost dedication, rationale and logic. They answered all the questions raised by the eager audience from time to time. There were questions on specifications, differences on usage of glass and much more.

All the participants took keen interest in the training program. They all



appreciated the training program and opined that there is a dire need for regulating use of glass in buildings. The learning day concluded and the attendees were given complimentary copies of the "Architectural Glass Guide" and "Guidelines on Use of Glass in Buildings: Human Safety" for their information and reference. The attendees were thrilled and felt knowledgeable post the daylong session