

CAPEX 2014 CO-LOCATED WITH MUNICIPALIKA AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION ON SUSTAINABLE BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND GOOD URBAN GOVERNANCE

CAPEX 2014 co-located with Municipalika and International Conference and Exhibition on Sustainable Built Environment and Good Urban Governance was organized from 13th to 15th November 2014 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The event was supported by Ministry of Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Govt. of Gujarat and other urban stakeholder institutions. As the leading umbrella institution dealing with the construction sector, Confederation of Construction Products and Services (CCPS) participated in the event as Institutional Sponsor.

The Event was inaugurated by Mr. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Minister UD, Housing, Poverty Alleviation, Ms. Anandiben Patel, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Gujarat was Chief Guest, State Minister of Housing GoG and Executive Director UNCHS graced the function. Over 1000 delegates from India and abroad attended which includes Bureaucrats, Technocrats, Local Bodies, Professionals, Exhibitors, manufacturers/industry, etc.

Mr. Shashi Kant Adviser, CCPS, Former Dy. Adviser, Planning Commission and Ar. Deepak Gahlowt, Convener, CCPS presented papers on "Use of Glass in Buildings - Human Safety aspects against impact" and "Role of Standards in building an efficient and safe built environment" respectively. Some of CCPS members also presented papers (Saint Gobain, LGF Sysmac, McCoySoudal). Mr. Manish Srivastava, Head (DCP), SGIL



gave presentation on "Use of Glass with reference to ECBC, GRIHA & IGBC parameters and Case Studies and representatives of HNG Float Glass Ltd, attended the event.

The event gave a good opportunity to meet, interact and spread message of safe use of glass in buildings. One to one meetings were held with Dr. D. Sambasiva Rao, IAS, Prl. Secretary Housing, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh; Ms. Anita Agnihotri, IAS, Secretary, H&UPA, Gol; Dr. P.C. Jain, Chairman, IGBC; Mr. M. Anand, Prl. Counsellor, IGBC; Mr. Amit Barde, Head (PD), L & T Ltd.; Er. Girish Singhai, Chairman, ACCE; Dr. G.P. Vadodaria, Registrar, Gujarat Technological University, and many more. Ar. Deepak Gahlowt and Mr. Shashi Kant attended Board Meeting of Gujarat Technological University on 13th Nov. 2014 at Ahmedabad and emphasized to include CCPS Guidelines in the curriculum of University.

CORNING LAUNCHES GORILLA GLASS 4 IN INDIA; EYES OEMS IN INDIA

Corning Inc, makers of Gorilla Glass used to cover touch screens in the most high-end mobile handsets,

launched the Gorilla Glass 4 in India, a month after introducing it in the US.

The company which makes precision glass for optical fiber, telecom networks, emission control and drug discovery, said it was working with cable providers who in turn supplied to Reliance Infocomm and other companies undertaking fibre-to-the-home projects in India.

Thomas Appelt, President of international emerging markets told that the company is experiencing fast growth in its consumer electronics business with spurring smartphone and tablet sales in India and world over.

The \$8 billion company spends about 10% of its annual revenue towards research and development specializes in glass innovation - it made the glass cover for Edison's light bulb. The company's Gorilla Glass has been used by over 40 manufacturers in over 3 billion devices worldwide since its launch in 2007.

Having launched the Gorilla Glass 4, the company wants the latest versions to be used by local smartphone makers, top three of which own more than a quarter share of the country's smartphone market, according to IDC.