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"Shaping the Future of the Construction and Design Industry"

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Expanding Horizonswith Every Session

At Glass Academy, learning never stops. In collaboration with Ethos Empowers, our knowledge initiatives are designed to keep you in sync with emerging materials, cutting-edge techniques, and sustainability-driven innovation. Whether you're designing the next landmark building or crafting thoughtful interior spaces, these resources are your gateway to smart and future-ready design.

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Glass Academy Webinars

Our webinars bring together leading voices from architecture, engineering, sustainability, and material science to explore glass in all its forms. From low-carbon and high-performance glass to fire safety, energy efficiency, façade design, and more—these conversations tackle real-world challenges and share practical insights.

This year, our sessions featured topics like:

- Designing for Climate Resilience
- Smart Glass Solutions for Green Certifications
- Glass in Himalayan Architecture
- The Aesthetics of Lacquered & Textured Glass
- ...and more.

Catch up on past sessions and register for upcoming ones





Glass Academy Blogs

Prefer reading to watching?

Our blog series dives deeper into project case studies, expert interviews, design strategies, and product innovations. Whether you're looking for technical clarity or creative inspiration, our blogs cover everything from glass performance metrics to on-site learnings from leading architects.









Quiz Time!

Put Your Glass Knowledge to the Test

Let's see how well you know your way around architectural glass, sustainability, and innovation. Answers are at the end of the newsletter—no peeking!

| Which performance metric tells you how much solar heat passes through glass? | Which type of glass is commonly used to enhance daylighting while controlling glare? |
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| U-value SHGC VLT R-value | ☐ Frosted Glass ☐ Smart Glass ☐ Reflective Glass ☐ Tinted Glass |
| Low-E (Low Emissivity) coating helps reduce: | Which of the following glass types is most commonly used in cold climates for insulation? |
| ☐ Noise ☐ Heat loss and gain ☐ UV fading only ☐ Condensation | ☐ Wired Glass ☐ Single Glazing ☐ Double Glazing Unit ☐ Mirror Glass |
| Which recent innovation in architectur glass is known for having one of the lowest embodied carbon footprints? Ultra-clear glass Solar control glass Low-carbon glass Toughened safety glass | How confident |



SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

BUILDING THE FUTURE OF GLASS INNOVATION

Glass Academy's skill development initiatives bridge the gap between theory and practice, empowering designers, architects, educators, and industry stakeholders to work confidently with glass in innovative ways.





FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES (FDPS):

These intensive learning experiences go beyond the classroom, immersing faculty in the latest advancements in glass manufacturing, sustainability practices, fire safety, energy efficiency, and architectural applications. With expert-led masterclasses, real-world case studies, and guided factory visits, participants gain both technical expertise and design insight. The programs also open doors to valuable networking, collaboration opportunities, and certifications that enhance professional standing.





GLASS ACADEMY

FDP (COIMBATORE) 8-9-10 AUGUST 2025

With each session, we're shaping the future of architectural education — one informed, inspired educator at a time! Get a sneak peek into our recent FDPs this year by far!

Glass Academy, in collaboration with Ethos | Acedge (Knowledge Partner), Saint-Gobain (Content Partner), IIA Coimbatore Centre (Synergy Partner), IGBC (Sustainability Partner), and PSG Institute of Architecture and Planning (Institutional Partner), organised an offline Faculty Development Program titled Sustainable Surfaces: Materials, Methods, and Meaning on 7-9 August 2025 in Coimbatore. Focused on sustainable architecture and the application of glass in tropical Indian climates, the FDP covered material properties, applications, and compliance with energy and green building codes. Sessions by architects and façade experts were complemented by an immersive on-site day featuring factory visits, office interactions, and an under-construction project walkthrough.



















Proud MoU Moments with Glass Academy!

Glass Academy continues its commitment to bridging academia and the glass industry through meaningful partnerships. In July 2025, we proudly signed two new Memorandums of Understanding in **Bengaluru—on 29th July with BMS Institute of Technology**, and on **30th July with BMS School of Architecture**. These collaborations mark another step forward in fostering knowledge exchange, skill development, and innovation for the future of the glass industry.







Focus Visits With Glass Academy!

The Academia & Industry Collaboration Continues!

Exploring Skill-Building Opportunities – Visit to Pratham Foundation, Lucknow

On 18 July, Glass Academy, in collaboration with Gyproc Academy, visited the Pratham Multi Skill Training Center in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. This center empowers youth from underserved communities through vocational training in beauty, tailoring, automotive, and construction — fostering entrepreneurship and enabling sustained employment via post-placement support. We were joined by John Prem, P.S. Mani, Emmanuel Gurupnur, Rohit, and Pratham Foundation's senior team to explore partnerships with the glass processing industry. Together, we aim to strengthen skill-building initiatives and create impactful opportunities for the future.



Career Opportunities in Glass Processing - Seminar at Sankar Polytechnic College

Technical Seminar on Career Opportunities in Glass Processing Industry: Held on 5th August 2025, the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Sankar Polytechnic College, hosted industry experts Mr. P.S. Mani (Glass Academy) and Mr. Shankar Ganesh (FUSO Group) for a session on emerging trends, technological advancements, and quality standards in the glass industry. Students gained valuable insights into career opportunities and essential skills for success.

Afternoon Lab Visit & Curriculum Discussion: The guests visited the Center of Excellence laboratory and participated in discussions on implementing the elective subject Glass Processing Technology in the department. An interactive Q&A session with second-year students provided clarity on industry practices and career pathways.

MoU Implementation & Future Collaboration: In a meeting with Principal Dr. A. Sankara Subramanian, the guests discussed strategies for integrating industry-relevant content into the curriculum, enhancing hands-on training, and creating internship opportunities. This marked a key step in strengthening industry-academia collaboration.









BRIDGING SKILLS & INDUSTRY: GOVT. ITI AMBATTUR VISITS FUSO GLASS INDIA

In July 2025, Glass Academy arranged an industry visit for **Government ITI, Ambattur,** led by Dr. Harini, to Fuso Glass India Pvt. Ltd. The delegation explored key manufacturing processes—tempering, lamination, DGU, and quality checks—guided by Plant HR Mr. Srinivasan and the Glass Academy team.

The visit covered skills for entry-level technicians, safety protocols, and shop floor etiquette, ending with warm hospitality. ITI Ambattur will now align their courses and shortlist candidates from the upcoming batch for glass industry roles.



Shaping Industry-Ready Talent Through Collaboration

Glass Academy, in collaboration with Gyproc Skill Academy, welcomed the Pratham Foundation team to Fuso Glass India Pvt. Ltd. on June 26th for an engaging industry visit. Thanks to Mr. Mahendran and the Fuso team for their warm hospitality, insightful presentations, and walkthrough of their advanced glass processing facility, offering valuable learnings on technology, manpower needs, and career opportunities in the glass industry.





Glass Quiz - Answers Section

Here are the answers to the Glass Facts Challenge! How did you do?

- SHGC (Solar Heat Gain Coefficient)
- Reflective Glass
- Heat loss and gain
- DGU (Double Glazing Unit)
- Low-carbon glass



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Be a part of the evolving world of glass and glazing. Join our expert-led webinars, take part in engaging quizzes, and explore exciting opportunities through our knowledge and skill-building initiatives.

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