

# NEWSLETTER

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# GLASS PULSE

*“Shaping the Future of the Construction and Design Industry”*

Glass plays a vital role in shaping modern spaces, balancing beauty with performance, sustainability with safety. As a new year unfolds, **Glass Academy** continues its journey of discovery, learning, and collaboration, exploring how glass can transform the built environment.

Designed for architects, interior designers, faculty members, students, and industry professionals, **Glass Academy** offers timely knowledge, practical skills, and future-focused insights, **helping the ACED community** design with confidence in an ever-evolving world.

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Stepping into 2026 with  
**Knowledge, Collaboration & Innovation**

# Knowledge Initiatives:

## Broadening Understanding



- Key **Updates**
- Glass Industry **Experts**

- **Sessions**
- **Voices** from the Community

**Explore the evolving world of glass with the Glass Academy Webinars & Blogs!**

At **Glass Academy**, learning is continuous. In collaboration with **Ethos Empowers**, our **knowledge initiatives** keep the community aligned with emerging materials, advanced technologies, and sustainability-driven design thinking. Whether shaping large-scale architecture or crafting refined interior spaces, these resources support informed, future-ready decisions.



# Glass Academy Webinars

Our **webinars** bring together experts from architecture, engineering, sustainability, and material science to explore the **role of glass in shaping** contemporary design. From navigating extreme **Himalayan climates** to **reimagining transparency across typologies**, each session delves into real-world design challenges, innovative applications, and practical strategies for integrating glass thoughtfully in architecture.

Our **recent sessions explored topics** like:

- Glass in Himalayan Architecture
- Transparency Across Typologies
- Strength & Sustainability of glass
- The Realities of Designing with Glass

Catch up on **past sessions** and register for **upcoming ones**

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Institutional Partners: Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University, College of Architecture, Pune

Beyond Transparency: Next Talk

## Material Matters: Learning Sustainability Through Glass

From facades to footprints — how does glass contribute to sustainable design?

Ar. Tanvi Gupta as she takes us through innovative approaches, material intelligence, and why glass is more than just a transparent surface — It's a sustainable choice!

Date: Tuesday, 18th November | Time: 3 PM IST

Ar. Tanvi Gupta | Co-founder, True North

Link in Bio Save your spot: [glass-academy.com/register-now/](http://glass-academy.com/register-now/)

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Panel Speakers: Ar. Nikhil Richard, Ar. Asim Bikash, Mr. Venugopal R

## Celebrating World Architecture Month

Theme: Strength & Sustainability  
*Transparency in the Architecture of Tomorrow*

We're thrilled to bring you a thought-provoking session featuring voices shaping the future of architecture

Date: 16.10.25 | Time: 3 PM IST

Ar. Nikhil Richard | Founder & Principal Architect, Richard Architecture Studio

Ar. Asim Bikash | Co-Founder, Hettich Architects

Mr. Venugopal R | Founder, Connects

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## From Studio to Site: The Realities of Designing with Glass

28th November 2025 | 3 PM IST

Don't miss this insightful session led by two dynamic voices in architecture and academia.

Ar. Aditya Mandlik | Founder, Studio Aditya Mandlik

Dr. Kanika Basu | Professor & Dean - Academic Affairs & Dean, M. Planning, Chitrakar School of Planning & Architecture, Chitrakar University, Pimpri

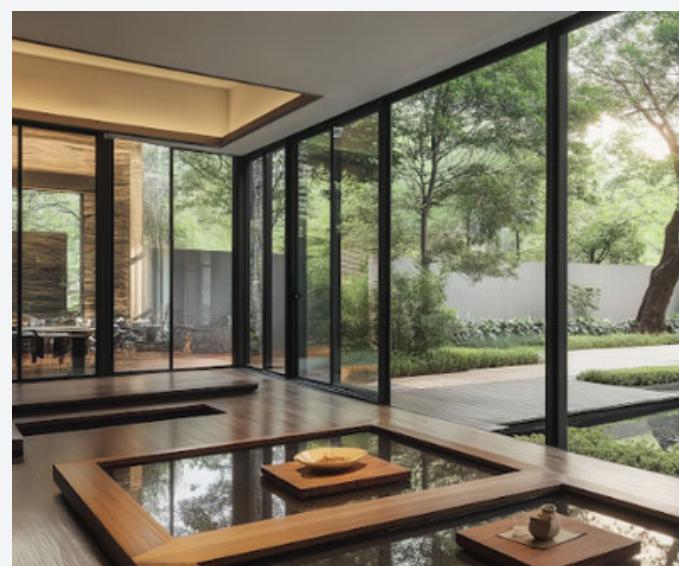
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## Transparency in Typologies: How Glass Transforms Every Space

Dive into the world of glass and architecture — explore how transparency shapes spatial experiences, typologies, and design thinking across modern buildings.

25th September 2025 | Thursday | 3 PM IST

Ar. Siddarth Sankar | Partner, Sankar & Associates



## Glass Academy Blogs



For those who prefer to read, **our blog offers** in-depth perspectives through project case studies, expert interviews, design strategies, and product innovations. From understanding glass performance metrics to learning from on-site project experiences, the blogs provide both technical clarity and creative inspiration.



# Welcoming Our New Leader!

We are delighted to welcome **Mr. U. Gopinath** as Business Leader - Strategic Initiatives at Glass Academy. With over ten years of **experience in sustainability-focused project management** and a master's degree from IIT Madras, he brings deep expertise in energy performance, life cycle thinking, and responsible design practices.

His leadership strengthens **Glass Academy's vision** of driving strategic growth through knowledge, collaboration, and sustainability.

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**PERFORMANCE,  
RESPONSIBILITY,  
AND IMPACT MUST  
WORK TOGETHER.**

# Leading Glass Academy into Its Next Chapter:

## Interview with Mr. Gopinath

What is your **vision** for **Glass Academy** over the next few years?

Glass Academy aims to become the **leading hub** for glass and facade knowledge in India, delivering **globally benchmarked and practical education**. Over the next few years, the focus areas will be on **revamping digital learning platforms, collaborating with BIS** on glass standards, and expanding into other **building envelope materials**. Glass Academy's mission is to ensure learners are **future-ready** to meet net-zero building goals, aligning with India's 2070 net zero commitment.

How do you see **glass education** evolving in response to **sustainability** and **performance** demands?

With buildings contributing nearly 40% of **global energy demand**, integrating **high-performing glazing** is one of the most effective strategies to **reduce consumption and enhance occupant comfort**. Glass Academy will embed **sustainability metrics** into every module, emphasizing **energy performance metrics, carbon emissions intensity** and **circularity**. This ensures professionals can design facades that meet both **climate resilience and wellness standards**.



How do you see **Glass Academy** bridging the gap between **academic learning** and **real-world industry practice**?

Currently, around 60% of engineering and architecture graduates in India are underprepared for industry demands due to limited practical exposure. Glass Academy addresses this gap through **internships, simulation workshops, and scenario-based learning**, ensuring students graduate with hands-on experience in glass processing and façade systems.



**ENSURING STUDENTS  
GRADUATE WITH HANDS-  
ON EXPERIENCE IN GLASS  
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# Glass Word Search!

Put Your Glass Knowledge to the Test

Kick off the year with a smart challenge. Search for the **glass terms** that will continue to shape architecture and design in the year ahead



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# Focus Visits With Glass Academy!

*The Academia & Industry Collaboration Continues!*

## Exploring Skill-Building Opportunities: Industry Exposure in Practice - Saint-Gobain Windows Plant Visit

Glass Academy facilitated a **curriculum-linked industry visit** for second-year architecture students from **AMS Academy of Architecture, Chennai**, offering first-hand exposure to glass manufacturing processes, quality standards, and real-world production workflows at the **Saint-Gobain Windows plant**.



## Industry Insights on Building Envelopes - Expert Sessions by Geotrix

Day-long sessions led by **Mr. Selvam Ramanathan**, Managing Director & Director at **Geotrix Building Envelope** Pvt. Ltd., provided participants with practical insights into **façade systems** and building envelopes through real project examples and applied industry knowledge.

## Glass for the Future: Trends and Applications - Jain (Deemed-to-be) University

Interactive session by **Mr. P.S. Mani** at the JGI Global Campus engaged Civil and Mechanical Engineering students in discussions on **emerging glass technologies**, applications, and evolving career opportunities within glass and façade industry.



## Career Opportunities in Glass Processing

### Modern Façade Trends & Structural Glazing - Session at BMS Engineering College

**Mr. Vinod Kundargi**, Principal Façade Consultant at Aspect Façade and Engineering Consultants Pvt. Ltd., addressed engineering students on **contemporary façade systems and structural glazing trends**, highlighting the skills and knowledge required for careers in this domain.





## Bridging Skills & Industry - Guest Lecture at BMS Architecture College

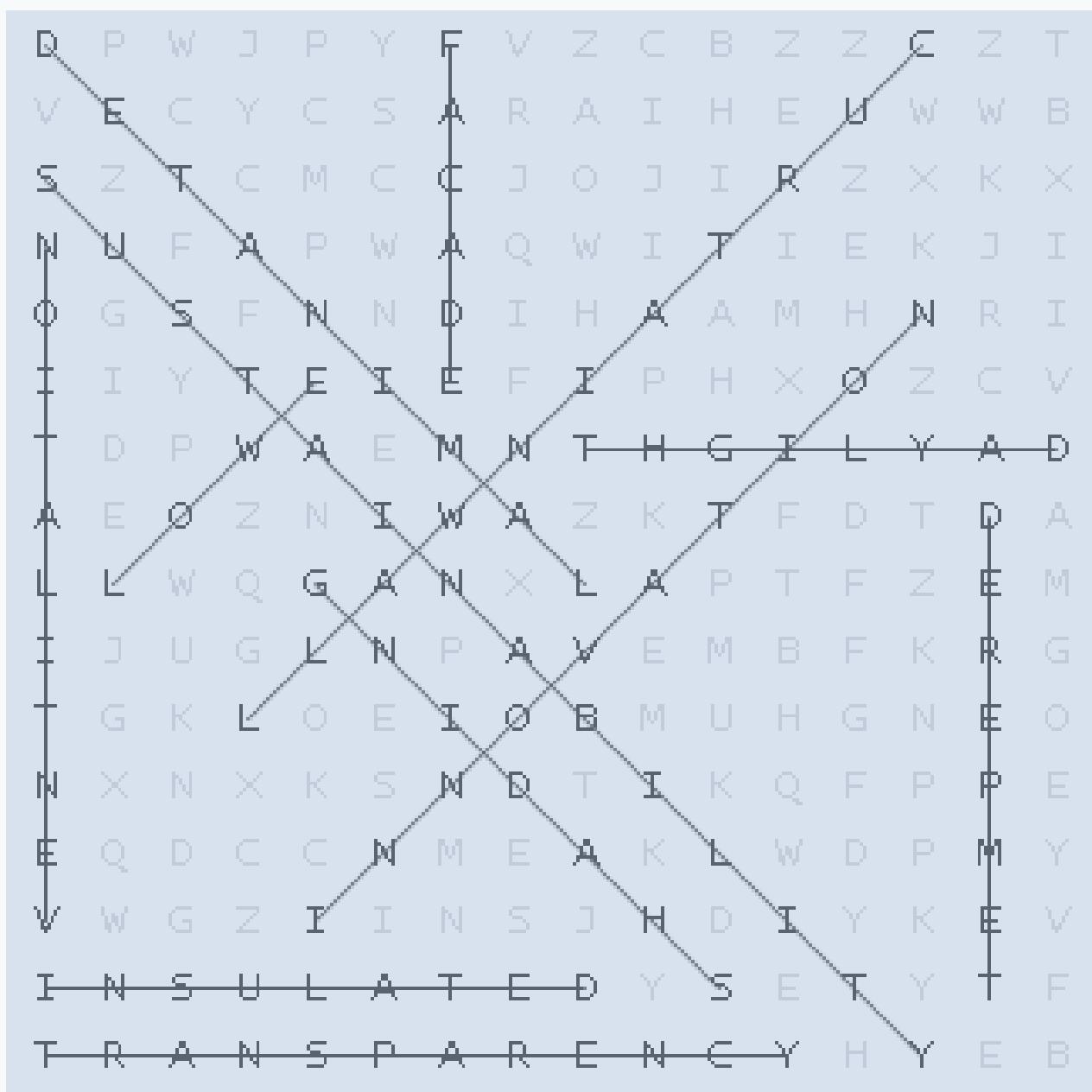
As part of Glass Academy's academic outreach, **Mr. Gopinath** delivered a guest lecture exploring the role of glass in contemporary architectural design, bridging academic learning with industry practices **and performance-driven design thinking**.



## Shaping Industry-Ready Talent Through Collaboration - PiCA Archilogics Series at MES Pillai College of Architecture:

Under the **PiCA Archilogics series**, **Ms. Shambhwi Pratiksha** from the Saint-Gobain Glass Design Team led a session on **innovative façade applications** of glass. The interaction was well received by students and faculty, reinforcing interest in sustained **academic-industry collaboration**.

# Glass Word Search - Answers Section



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# Stay Connected with Glass Academy!

Step into the **dynamic world of glass and glazing**. Participate in our expert-led webinars, challenge yourself with interactive quizzes, and unlock exciting opportunities through our **knowledge and skill-building programs**.



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