

CEPT, DFI-SPR in pact for specialised training to students

To guide on how to repair & maintain old structures

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Dr Fixit Institute of Structural Protection and Rehabilitation (DFI-SPR) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Center for Environmental Planning and Technology (CEPT) university for imparting specialised training to the students. Under this MoU, both the organizations will conduct a 5-7-day programme for the students and train them about how to deal with the repairing and rehabilitation of the existing structures. Giving more details about the programme, director of DFI-SPR Dr AK Chatterjee said that of the total sale of cement in the country around 40% was utilised for work like repair and maintenance of old structures.

"The construction industry needs more engineers and architects who have required expertise for maintenance of old structures. This segment is completely ignored so far, but now we want train the professionals for such kind of work," Chatterjee added. The institute plans to form a JV with CEPT. It will also launch a certificate course for the engineers and architects other than CEPT.

Project to study earthquake affected buildings in A'bad

IIT, Kanpur, B College, Kolkata and CEPT, Ahmedabad have jointly undertaken a project, under which they are going to study 270 buildings of Ahmedabad affected during 2001 earthquake. These buildings will be screened through RVS (rapid visual screening) method. With this method, the experts will be able to judge the sustainability of the buildings during earthquake in just 10-15 minutes.

