

Builders' meet gets under way

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HYDERABAD: Precast engineering practises that promise to address issues such as shortage of skilled labour and speed of construction need to be propagated, said Y. Surya Prakash, chairman, Pre-Engineered Steel Buildings and Pre-Cast Concrete Structures Conference (PEPSCON).

Nearly 200 architects, engineers and builders and developers took part at the inaugural of the two-day conference on pre-engineered concepts here on Friday. The proceedings have been split with today fo-

cussing on pre-engineered steel buildings and pre-cast concrete structures in residential buildings scheduled for Saturday.

Secretary of the conference organising committee, C.A. Prasad said precast was fast adopting itself into the construction sector as skilled labour availability was diminishing while the construction demand was on the rise.

"Mechanisation of the industry is the only solution to cater the needs of quality, shortage of skilled labour and to achieve speed of construction," he said.

Vice-president (sales

and marketing), Kirby Building Systems, Nawaz, described the pre-engineering building (PEB) concept as one that was simple and faster to set up. "The PEB concept has been growing by leaps and bounds in the country during the last decade and the customer perception towards it has also changed a lot," he said.

G.S. Palani, senior principal scientist, CSIR-Structural Engineering Research Centre, detailed the tests and analysis that preceded setting up of the 10-storeyed structure in 48 hours at Mohali last year.

Conference on Precast

PEPSCON 2013, a national conference on pre-engineered and precast concrete structures, will be held in the city at Hotel Taj Deccan this weekend. More than 200 delegates from different parts of the world are to participate in the proceedings on precast technologies. The two-day conference on the first day will be on pre-engineered steel buildings while Saturday will focus on pre-cast concrete structures in residential buildings.