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THEIR PRESERVATION OF FIRST FLOOR IN KENDRIYA VIHAR – II

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Abstract

Construction Fractures are the most common problem seen in all types of construction. We all want to live in a home that is structurally sound and aesthetically pleasing, but this is not always possible due to natural disasters, soil failure, structural defects, poor design, and inadequate joints that lead to Fractures in the structure. Concrete penetration Fractures cannot be completely avoided, but they can be solved by using the right materials, construction methods and construction standards. Early identification of such Fractures and taking preventive steps are vital. Active Fractures cause major problems and require specific treatment because they are structurally dangerous. Therefore, it is vital to understand the types of fractures, fracture patterns and their origins, and preventive measures.

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INTRODUCTION

• The popularity of high-rise buildings has increased the frequency of Fractures in these buildings. These Fractures can range from minor surface Fractures to major structural damage and can threaten the safety of the building and its occupants. The origin of such Fractures can vary, including variables such as faulty construction practices, structural issues, and environmental issues.

• This study of “the causes, types and consequences of Fractures in high-rise buildings and suggests recommendations for the detection, prevention and management of these Fractures to ensure the safety of occupants and the longevity of buildings.” As such, it is imperative to study this issue to prevent future Fracturing and ensured the safety of high-rise buildings.

• This research exploration "the causes, types and consequences of Fractures in high-rise structures and presents guidelines for the detection, prevention and repair of these Fractures to ensure the safety of people and the longevity of buildings".

• Fractures in high-rise buildings pose a serious threat to human life and property. Construction Fractures can cause everything from minor aesthetic problems to significant structural problems that can cause the structure to collapse. It is therefore essential to find practical solutions to prevent the occurrence of Fractures in high-rise buildings and to reduce their effects.

• This project attempts to determine the origin of fractures in high-rise structures and evaluate the effectiveness of various methods of their prevention and repair.

There are two different categories of Fractures.

(1) Structural Fractures

(2) Non-structural Fractures.

1) Structural Fractures:

• Structural Fractures can be caused by many factors, including insufficient soil bearing capacity, overburden, heaving soil, and poor siting of buildings.

• Problems with your home's interior are accompanied by structural Fractures. Examples include sloping floors and moving things such as doors and windows that may be difficult to close.

• Structural Fractures are usually easy to spot. They can have different sizes and shapes, as well as horizontal, vertical, diagonal or stair-like appearance.

2) Non-structural Fractures:

• These are Fractures without regular shape or size that are present in the foundation of your house. The structural integrity of your home or building is not affected by these types of Fractures.

• Fractures are fine (usually less than three millimeters wide).

• The main causes of non-structural Fractures are hydrostatic pressure, poor building materials and climate change.

Fractures are split into the following groups based on their width:

1. Small Crack : (less than 1 mm),
2. Intermediate Crack : (between 1 and 2 mm),
3. Broad Crack : (more than 2 mm),
4. Crazing : is the occurrence of closely spaced small Fractures on the surface of a substance

LITERATURE REVIEW

1. Rupali Kathariya

In their study paper they discussed some causes of fractures in structures and offered some techniques to prevent them. Since these Fractures are very dangerous for the structure or buildings, the structure has lost its strength as well as aesthetic values due to these Fractures and overall tends to degenerate the building. With various preventive strategies, we can manage these breaks and improve the life of the building.

2. Snehal Abhyankar

Reports on a study of different types of Fractures in plain and reinforced concrete exposed to chloride-laden environments and carbon-laden corrosion problems that can be catastrophic to the structure and ultimately lead to reinforcement corrosion and concrete damage. . She then mentioned that the life of RCC structures can be extended by adequate maintenance and

repairs. Model simulations were made to analyse and double-check the results of thestudy. Rising fracture width and length lead to new investigation of infinite plate.

a. S.Raajamurugan

Crack is defined in their experimental study as "a complete or imperfect division of concrete into two or more parts created by failure or fracture". He further stated that Fractures are one of the universal problems of concrete structures because they affect the aesthetics of the building and also destroy the integrity of the wall, affecting the safety of the structure.

b. Construction Crack Prevention and Repair Techniques, Pinal D. Mavani, Kajal B. Patel, Dimpy B. Patel, Kevina B. Patel, Mr. Shyam Doshi et al. Vol 3, Issue 3: Discuss methods of preventing and repairing Fractures in buildings in this essay. In order to determine the strength of concrete, this study article also provides information on the results of the rebound hammer test and the ultrasonic pulse velocity test. Because the strength of concrete can affect how well buildings are able to repair Fractures.

c. Experimental Investigation of Epoxy Fixation of Fractures in Concrete, Camille A. Issa, Pauls Debs: In this investigation, 15 concrete cubes, six including unrepaired Fractures, six with gravity-filled epoxy-bonded Fractures, and three without Fractures, were crushed and their compressive forces were determined . Fractures were found to cause a reduction in compressive strength of up to 40.93%, while the epoxy system, when properly applied, restored compressive strength by reducing the reduction to 8.23%.

Fracture Investigation of Buildings and Structures, (2020): P Velumani, K Mukilan, G Varun, S Divakar, R Muhil Doss and P Ganesh kumar This theory develops an image processing approach to find surface-level Fractures in a building structure. The study and localization of Fractures is the most important phase of the construction process. Manual identification of Fractures will take more time and will be evaluated subjectively by inspectors. This research presents a conceptual framework for image processing technology for automatic fracture
Identification and investigation.

CAUSES OF FRACTURES

Understanding the root causes of Fractures, as well as the specific components of structural elements that can lead to dimensional changes,is critical to helping or limiting the fracture situation in non-structural structures. Non-structural fractures are caused by the following mechanisms

1. Moisture.
2. Thermal Fracturing .
3. Creep in concrete

4. Fractures caused by corrosion of the steel reinforcement
5. Elastic Deformation
6. Foundation Movement and Settlement of Soil
7. Growth of vegetation

1. **Moisture:-**

Moisture concrete structures (cement, masonry, light brickwork) have intermolecular spaces between them. which grow as these spaces absorb moisture from the environment and shrink as the temperature rises. These changes can be undone. It is continuous and caused by changes in relative humidity that increase or decrease hydrostatic pressure. Examples of irreversible material changes include the early shrinkage/plastic shrinkage of mortar and lime-based materials, as well as the initial expansion of adobe bricks and other ceramic products after firing from kilns. Water is a crucial component for the production of concrete. The moisture supplied by water also lends concrete its strength during the curing process. Water can be extremely harmful when used in excess, yet it is one of the most important components of concrete. As one of the most widespread building materials used in the construction industry, concrete drying is suitable To ensure the safety and strength of concrete, drying solutions are required.

Fig. 1 Fractures due to Moisture

1. **Thermal Fracturing :-**

Extreme temperature differences within or around a concrete structure can cause thermal Fracturing . The temperature difference causes the colder area to contract more than the warmer part, limiting the contraction. Thermal Fracturing occurs when restraints result in tensile stresses that exceed the concrete's in-place tensile strength. Elements that are not solid concrete can crack due to temperature changes.

Fig. 2 Fracturing due to thermal stress

1. **Creep in Concrete:-**

Concrete creep is described as a long-term failure of a structure under sustained load. Long-term stress or tension on concrete can change its shape. Permanent displacement results from the time-dependent deformation of concrete caused by additional load or permanent load. Compressive creep is a physical phenomenon where the deformation of a component under continuous load increases over time even without the application of additional stresses. This deformation of the concrete results in an immediate deformation. This time-dependent deformation is called creep.

Creep is a property of all materials that causes permanent deformation under stress. Concrete experiences immediate elastic deformation under load, which transforms into creep deformation under permanent load. The gel (the result of hydration), the absorbed water layer and the water trapped in the gel pores and capillary pores all loosen, flow and rearrange over time under continuous stress. Some movement also occurs due to the growth of micro Fractures. The main factor causing creep deformation is these movements. If long concrete cantilever beams are not designed for creep, creep is easily visible in them

Fig.3 Fracturing due to creep

1. **Fractures produced by corrosion of the steel reinforcing:-**

The strongly alkaline concrete protects the steel reinforcement, making reinforced concrete an incredibly durable material. Nevertheless, under certain circumstances the reinforcement can corrode and form rust. Since the volume of formed corrosion products is greater than the volume of the

original reinforcement, concrete is stressed in tension.

In case of extensive corrosion, Fracturing and delimitation of the concrete may occur. The primary causes of steel corrosion in concrete are concrete carbonation; in the presence of moisture, the corrosion process can begin. Presence of sea salts or de-icing salts in concrete and around reinforcement.

Fig 4. Fracturing due to swelling of reinforcement

1. **Elastic deformation:-**

With uneven pressure on the walls, excessive shearing occurs, which leads to large fluctuations in stress in different sections, resulting in Fracturing of the walls. When a beam or slab of significant span sustains significant bending and the slab buckles and creates Fractures in the supporting masonry.

Building structural components such as walls, columns, beams, slabs commonly made of materials such as masonry, concrete, steel, etc. undergo elastic deformation due to loading, in accordance with Hooke's law. The modulus of elasticity of the material, the magnitude of the load and the dimensions of the parts affect how much deformation occurs.

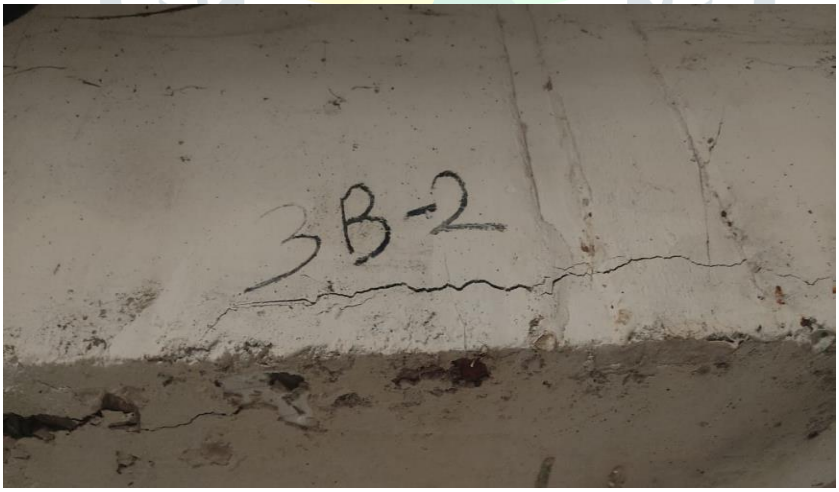

Fig 5. Fracturing due to elastic deformation

1. **Foundation Motion and Settlement of Soil:-**

Shear fractures occur in foundations as a result of significant differential settlement. Buildings built on expansive soils are prone to swelling as they collect rainfall and shrinking as they dry due to changes

in soil moisture content. They are particularly prone to Fracturing. Fractures must be prevented by taking special precautions.

Fractures arise as a result of the movement of the corner foundations at the end of the structure, they are generally diagonal in shape. These Fractures are wide at the top and get smaller towards the bottom. These Fractures are clearly distinguishable from Fractures caused by moisture or thermal movement. Settlement of a building built on made soil can occur when water, due to heavy rains or floods, seeps into the foundation and causes the soil to settle under the load of the structure. Such settlements are often not homogeneous in different sections and cause Fracturing.

2. Fracturing due to Vegetation:-

Presence of vegetation may be the cause of fractures in walls due to expansion action of roots developing under the foundation or in brick masonry. Plants take root and begin to form crevices of walls. When the soil beneath a building's foundation is shrinkable clay, Fracturing in the building's walls and floors may result from either the upward thrust of a portion of the building or the dehydrating action of the soil's growing roots, which may cause the soil to shrink and cause settlement.

Fig.6 Fracturing Due to Vegetation

PRESERVATION OF FRACTURES

The following procedures can be used to repair Fractures:

(1) **epoxy or polyurethane**:-

- This technique is applied to minor, non-structural Fractures.
- A two-part epoxy or polyurethane resin is injected into the crack, which hardens andplugs the crack.

Using this technique effectively stops water from seeping into the fissure and inflicting more harmful

Fig.8 epoxy or polyurethane

(1) Stitching or stapling:-

- This technique is applied to Fractures brought on by foundation movement or settling.On either side of the fissure, tiny holes are bored, and metal staples or rods are inserted. They are then glued to the concrete using epoxy.
- This procedure may be used for both vertical and horizontal Fractures and can help stabilises the structure.

(2) Grouting:-

This procedure is utilised for Fractures that are broader than 1/4 inch. Under pressure,a grout mixture is pumped into the crack, filling it and assisting in the stabilisation of the building.
Masonry constructions made of brick or stone respond well to this technique.

(3) Carbon fiber reinforcement:-

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(5) Underpinning:-

- Foundation movement-related serious Fractures are treated using this technique.
- To stabilise the building and stop additional Fracturing , the foundation is dug and strengthened with new footings or piers.

It's vital to remember that these techniques should only be used by qualified experts because shoddy repairs might compound the damage and jeo pardise the structure's safety.

Conclusion

The research's conclusions highlight the significance of routine building maintenance and inspection to spot any Fractures and fix them. By taking preventativeaction, the likelihood of catastrophic

occurrences that endanger public safety can be reduced.

- It is abundantly clear from the research that there are numerous factors that contribute to high-rise building Fractures,

and that these factors must all be taken into account in addition to the building's structure and surroundings. Hence, efficient methods for dealing with high-rise building fractures should adopt a comprehensive strategy that takes into account all relevant variables.

- The results of this study highlight the need for a more rigorous code of standards and regulations for the design, construction, and maintenance of high-rise buildings. To reduce the danger of Fractures and structural failures, building rules and regulations should be revised to reflect the most recent scientific findings on materials and structural engineering.

- This study emphasises the need of utilising cutting-edge technologies, including drones and sensors, to conduct inspections and keep an eye out for potential fractures in high-rise structures. Real-time data from these technologies can help identify problems and help solve them before they get worse.

It is obvious from our research that repairing fractures in high-rise structures needs a joint effort by building owners designers, engineers, and regulators. By working together and sharing knowledge and expertise, the future

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