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“We do not seem to be particular about how safe our buildings are,” Jija Hari Singh, DGP, fire department, said, adding that that workers at Carlton Towers were ignorant about the building’s topography. She was speaking at the inauguration of a two-day workshop on Building Fire Protection organised by Jain University and Underwriters Laboratories (UL) University.

It was time India understands the need for formal education and training to handle disasters, said Dr RN Iyengar, director, Centre for Disaster Mitigation, Jain University. “We must have courses in Fire Engineering. I’m not against informal education, but we need more trained hands for disaster management,” he said.

The workshop was designed to improve fire safety through applying understanding of a comprehensive fire protection approach.

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